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PREFACE.

In bringing this work to a conclusion I take the opportunity of thanking those who have given me their kindly support during the ten years that I have acted as Editor.

It is not without considerable reluctance that I have decided to take this step; but the lack of local support, and the small amount of interest exhibited by the general public in historical research at the present time, point to the fact that men are too busy now-a-days to give a thought to the past and all that it teaches us.

I have received several letters from friends and subscribers expressing regret at the cessation of this publication, otherwise I might have thought that my labours were not appreciated. The production of these three volumes, though not claiming any literary merit, has been, I may say, a source of pleasure to me, as I hope the perusal of them has been to my readers.

I doubt whether the future will develop a wider taste for efforts in this direction, but if such should be the case I can only, in laying down my pen, express the hope that some one more competent will be found to take up and continue the work which I now feel constrained to relinquish.

F. A. BLAYDES.

Bedford,
April, 1893.

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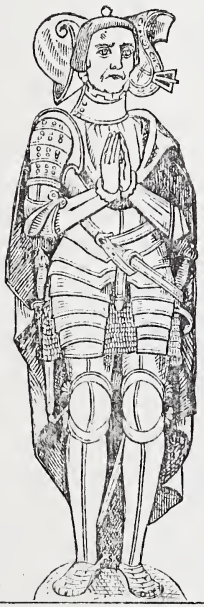

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Here vnder Lieth buried the body of Sir William Harper Knight Allderman and | late Lorde Maior of the Citie of London withe Dame Margarett his Last Wife wth | Sir William was borne in this towne of Bedford, and here fōnded & gaue Lands | for the mayntenance of a Gramer schoole.

BEDFORDSHIRE

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Sir William Harper, Kt.

INTIMATELY associated as this name is with the town of Bedford, whose prosperity may be said to be in a great measure due to him, yet, strange to say, but little has been attempted in the way of writing his Biography. True, his name, and that of Dame Alice, his first wife, are perpetuated in the now flourishing schools which have given Bedford a world-wide reputation; and two streets, viz., Harpur

Street (perversely so spelt), and Dame Alice Street, also attest his connection with the town, but one would like to know something more of the man whose name is a household word in Bedford, whence he sprang, what position his family held, and fuller particulars of his life. Though efforts have been made to ascertain something of his history, the materials which have been gathered together are very scant; the late Mr. J. G. Nichols was the first, I believe, to investigate the matter, and the results of his researches were given in a paper which he read before the Society of Antiquaries on the 14th of February, 1870, printed in vol. iv. of the "Transactions of the Middlesex Archæological Society." In 1882, Mr. Dudly Cary-Elwes wrote a brief paper which appeared in "Bedfordshire Notes and Queries," vol ii. p. 27, dealing chiefly with his place of burial, and in "The Early History of the Guild of Merchant Taylors,"* part ii. p. 240, are some further particulars relating chiefly to Sir William Harper's connection with the Company and to his official position as Lord Mayor of London. I ought, perhaps, here to mention that there is a brief memoir of Sir William Harper in "The Guide to the Bedford Charity," compiled by James Wyatt, of Bedford, and printed in 1843. I have, therefore, thought it would prove interesting to gather together the few salient points of his life that are scattered about, and briefly to record them in these pages.

According to the inscription on his brass in S. Paul's Church, it would appear that he first saw light in or about the year 1496, Bedford being the place of his birth, and that as a young man he went up to London, and was apprenticed to a Merchant Taylor, of which Company he became a freeman in the year 1533, when he would be about thirty-six years of age. Of his parents we know nothing except that his father's name was William; the probability is that his family was of humble origin, as no mention of them is to be found in the ordinary channels of genealogical information. He appears to have had a prosperous career in business, and having served as Warden, he become Master of the Merchant Taylors' Company in July, 1553. His first wife was Alice, widow of Richard Harrison, her maiden name being Tomlinson, when and where married I have been

* Edited by Chas. M. Clode, Master for 1873-4, and printed for private circulation by Harrison & Sons, London, 1888.

unable to ascertain ; he was getting on in years though, when she died in 1569, and probably they had enjoyed many years of married life. He had no issue by her and she was buried in S. Woolnoth's Church, as the following extract from the Register shows :—

> "The xvth day of October 1569 was buried Dame Alice Harper, wief of Sir William Harper, Knight and Alderman of London, and lyeth in a vaulte made of brick, the mouth being before his pewe dore in the North Isle of this cherche."

Shortly before her death, Sir William Harper was elected to the honourable position of Lord Mayor of London, in October, 1561, when he was sixty-five years of age, having previously accepted the office of Sheriff on the 15th of June, 1556. He received the honour of knighthood at Westminster on the 13th of February following his election as Lord Mayor.

About a year after the death of Dame Alice, his first wife, he married again, Margaret Leedare, the marriage licence, issued from the Bishop of London's Registry, being as follows :—

> "1570 Sep. 13 William Harpare, Knight, of City of London, & Margaret Leedare, of same, Spinster, Gen. Lic."

In the foregoing she is described as of the City of London which, probably, is correct. Mr. Clode calls her a native of Bedford, but gives no authority for this statement.

This Dame Margaret, soon after the death of her husband, Sir William, took to herself another husband, viz. Edward Thorne, to whom I think she was married in 1575, as in the Parish Register of S. Mary Woolnoth occurs the following entry, which I have no doubt refers to her :—

> "1576 Mar. 29 William, son of Mr. Edward Thorne, that married my Lady Harker."

"Harker" being evidently a misprint for "Harper." This William Thorne did not long survive, as his burial is recorded in the same register as occurring on the following day.

Edward Thorne died about six years after the birth of this son, as his will, dated 19th January, 1582, was proven 20th February in same year. The following year, that is, only eight months after, Dame Margaret essayed yet another

husband, as the following licence, also issued from the Registry of the Bishop of London, shows:—

> "1583 Sep. 4 Edward Maxie, of Orsett, co. Essex, & Dame Margaret Harper, widow, relict of Edward Thorne, of City of London, Gent., decd.; Gen. Lic."

They were married at S. Alban's Abbey the same month; their marriage being thus recorded in the Register:—

> "1583 Sep. 28 Edward Maxie and Dame Margaret Harper."

From this time we have no trace of her, and it is hardly probable that she was buried at S. Paul's, as the inscription suggests, for there is not to my knowledge any trace of her burial in the Registers.

There is one peculiarity about the inscription on the brass to Sir William Harper, which forms the Frontispiece to this Number, which has not received the attention that it deserves. A reference to the same informs us that Dame Margaret was his *last* wife. I think it may fairly be assumed from this that he had more than two wives, for if he had only two, then the second one would surely have been described as his *second*, and not as his last wife. I am rather inclined to this inference by finding recorded in the Parish Register of Ridgmont the following entry:—

> "1551 Luce, lady Harpar, was buried the third daie of the mounth of August."

It is true that this event took place some five years before Harper was knighted, and thus militates against my theory, still, if she was not in some way connected with Sir William Harper, who was she? I know of no other knight of that name. I cannot now recall how the entry was made in the Register; possibly some one may have interpolated the word "Lady" at a subsequent period to identify her more particularly. However, be that as it may, I give the suggestion for what it is worth.

The inscription, above referred to, states, that Sir William Harper died on the 27th of February, 1573; the entry in the Registry reads thus:—

> "1573, ffebruarii Bury'd Sr. William Harpar Alderman and Lord Maior of London ye 27th."

Here is a discrepancy which requires clearing up, as it is obvious that Sir William dying in London on February 27th, could not be buried at Bedford on the same day.

Mr. Elwes, who examined the Registers of S. Paul's, says that the above entry is clearly an interpolation, being written in a later hand and with a different ink, and he draws the inference that notwithstanding the directions in his will for his body to be buried "within the parisshe church of St. Paull in the toune of Bedford," that Sir William Harper was never buried there. The Registers of S. Paul's for that period appear to have been kept in duplicate books: in one there is no reference at all to the death or burial of Sir William; in the other there is only the entry above given. This, then, being another point upon which some doubt exists, it would be well, if possible, to clear it up. The brasses are not now in their original place; they have been moved and placed on a cumbrous altar-tomb of comparatively modern date, but the old matrix still exists in the South Chancel Aisle. Mr. J. G. Nichols considers the figure of Sir William, being in armour with an alderman's gown over it, as an unique example.

His will, dated the 27th day of October, 1573, is comparatively brief; he gives to the "Worshipful Company of the Marchant tailors for a remembrance of the goodwill I bare unto them, vjl. xiijs. iiijd. in ready money, to make a Cuppe with all to remayne to th' use of the said Company." He makes his "wellbeloved wief dame Margarete Harper" residuary legatee, and appoints her sole executrix. No mention is made of any landed property, and the will was proved at London 6th April, 1574.

I would here observe that in his will, on his tomb; in S. Paul's Parish Register; and in the Archives of the Merchant Taylors' Company, the name is spelt Harp*er*; surely this evidence should suffice to determine the correct way of spelling the name: yet in the face of such evidence, the name still continues here in Bedford to be spelt Harp*ur*, which is the name of a totally different family belonging to Derbyshire.

Also, I would take exception to Mr. Elwes's statement that Sir William Harper did not found the Grammar School, but that it was founded by King Edward VI. Referring to the Letters Patent of 6 Edward VI., I find it set out that on the petition of the Mayor, Bailiffs, Burgesses, and Commonalty of the Town of Bedford for erecting and establishing a free and perpetual School, the King granted them his licence "to erect, make, found, and establish a free and perpetual Grammar School, &c.," and in order to enable them

to carry out their wish, the King thereby licensed the aforesaid Mayor, &c., and their successors, to acquire, purchase, and receive lordships, manors, lands, &c. to the value of £40 per annum, from any person or persons willing to give, grant, bequeath, or assign the same to them. This Instrument bears date the 15th of August, 1553, but it was not till the year 1566, or thirteen years after, that the scheme was carried into effect, when, by a deed of gift bearing date the 20th of April, 1566, Sir William Harper, Knight, Alderman of the city of London, and Dame Alice, his wife, conveyed 13 acres and 1 rood of land, situate in Holborn, being portion of the possessions of the late dissolved Monastery of Charterhouse, to the Mayor, &c., of the town of Bedford, for the purpose of endowing a school, which the deed states he had *already* built in the town at his own expense. On the face of this direct evidence, it is rather hard upon Sir William Harper to deny him the credit of being the founder of the Bedford Grammar School!

The first person elected and admitted into the office of Master was one Edmond Grene, and the first usher was Robert Elbone.

In the same year this land in London, which Sir William acquired from Dr. Caesar Aldermare, in the year 1564, for the sum of £180, was leased for £12 per annum, in 1688, or 120 years after, for a term of 41 years at £99 per annum, and in 1760, the yearly rental of the land had risen to £3000. At the present moment, the annual value produces a sum of over £14,000.

No portrait of Sir William Harper, that I know of, exists, but there are two small engravings of him which I possess. One appeared in James Wyatt's "Guide to the Bedford Charity," referred to above, which was taken from Granger; the other, which is very similar, though coarser in execution, is engraved from "an unique print in the collection of Sir John St. Aubyn," and was published by W. Richardson in 1793. The features do not exhibit any great intellectual force of character, but are rather those of an amiable, kindly-disposed man. There was formerly a portrait of him in the Hall of the Merchant Taylors' Company, but this was destroyed in the Great Fire of London.

Having thus collected together a few brief records of this great benefactor to the town of Bedford, I hope that some one may be induced to take up the matter more fully. I cannot help thinking that there are sources yet

unworked which would yield further material, and I would indicate as one field of research, the Records of the Corporation of Bedford, from which, I feel confident, something might be gleaned. F. A. B.

I am indebted to Mr. F. Hockliffe for the loan of the blocks to illustrate this article.

Clergy List for Bedford Archdeaconry, 1605.

PART V. (*Continued from* Vol. II. p. 332.)

BEDFORD DEANERY.

Bedford, Cuth.—Parsonage propr. £5 9*s.* 4½*d.* The King's Matie. Wm. Foxcroft, no graduat. a preacher some tyme. Resides. 56 commts.

Bedford, Johannis.—Parsonage. £21 0*s.* 10*d.* The Maior, Bayliffs, Burgesses, and Com. of Bedford. Nathaniell Gilbie, B.D., *a preacher.** Resides. 90 commts. Non L.

Bedford, Pauli.—Parsonage imppr. endowed with a Vic. Vic. £10. Nich. Luke, esq. Andrew Dennis, M.A. Resides. 600 commts. Recusant 1 man. Non L.

Bedford, Petri.—Parsonage. £11 3*s.* 5½*d.* The King's Matie. Martin Linford, M.A. 87 commts. Non L.

Bedford, Mariæ.—Parsonage. £11 4*s.* 9½*d.* Ye Lo. Bpp. of Lincolne. John Chambers, M.A. Resides. 200 commts. recusants 1 man and 1 woman. Lic. per Wm. Ep. Linc.

* All have this.

Byddenham.—Vicarage. £8. Wm. Boteler, esq. Wm. Gower, curat., M.A. Non L.

Cardington.—Vicarage. £7 17*s.* 1*d.* Mris. Jane Gaskoine. Thos. Wattes, M.A. Resides. 340 commts., recus. 1 man and 1 woman. Non L.

Copley.—Parsonage appr. endowed with a Vic. Vic. £7. Christ Ch. in Oxon. Fras. Hudson, B.A. Resides. 127 commts. L. per Archbp. Cantuar.

Elstow.—Parsonage appr. with a Curat. Curat stip. £8. ye King's Matie. Rob. Hundley, curat., M.A. Resides. 260 commts., non commts. 2 men and 4 women, recusant 1 man. Non L.

Goldington.—Parsonage ppr. endowed with a vic. Vic. £8 10*s.* Ye Lo. Cobham [Langdale vidua 1681]. Oliver Roberts, M.A. 200 commts. Est L. per Elmor Ep. Lon. . . . .

Houghton-Conquest.—Parsonage. } One church. £15.
„ *Gild.* —Parsonage. } One church. £11.
Sr. Rd. Conquest. Thos. Archer, M.A. Resides. 160 commts. Est L. per Univ. Cantab.

Kempstone.—Parsonage appr. endowed with a vic. Vic. £12. Matthew Beedles, gent. Rd. Wheeler, B.A. Resides. 450 commts. Recusants 3 men and 1 woman. Non L.

Wellington.—Parsonage appr. endowed with a vic. Vic. £7 17*s.* Wm. Gostwick. Anthy. Topcliff, M.A. Resides. 128 commts. Non L.

Willamstead.—Parsonage appr. endowed with a vic. Vic. £9. Sr. Edward Ratcliffe. Rob. Rislie, M.A. Resides. 200 commts. Est l. p. Wick . . . Ep. D. . . .

Wootton.—Parsonage appr. endowed with a vic. Vic. £13 6*s.* 8*d.* Ye King's Matie. Humph. Totnam, M.A. Resides. 300 commts. Est L. per Holland [Ep.] Petr.

[After each name is "*behaviour good.*"]

A. GIBBONS.

Lincoln.

Recent Archæological Discoveries at Kempston.

THE following is an abstract of a paper on "Recent Archæological Discoveries at Kempston" read by Mr. T. G. E. Elger, F.R.A.S., at the Bedford Library on Thursday evening, February 29th :—

Kempston for the past thirty-five years or more has been "a happy hunting ground" for the antiquary. Leaving out of account those rudely-shaped implements of flint found in such profusion in its ancient river-gravels, which, as pertaining to an epoch ages before the historical period, must be relegated to that misty borderland separating the researches of the geologist from those of the archæologist —these same gravels have yielded indubitable evidence of containing the remains and relics of three distinct races of men, the Briton, the Roman or the Romanized-Briton, and the Anglo-Saxon. For more than half a century excavations for gravel have been almost constantly in progress on the eastern, or Bedford side of the village, but the place to which attention will be specially drawn is situated about 1¾ miles W.S.W. of the town of Bedford, and is traversed by the road leading to Kempston. An examination of the Ordnance Map shows that this site forms very nearly the highest point of an almost circular plateau or table-land, about half a mile in diameter, bounded on the west and north by the river Ouse, to which, on the west, it presents a steep escarpment some thirty or forty feet above the water (known as the Hill Grounds); while on the south and east it falls with a very gentle gradient to the general level of the alluvial plain surrounding Bedford on the south. We know from the statements of workmen that skeletons, urns, and other relics were dug up in various places on this site long before "the finds" attracted the notice of archæologists. In fact it was not till the year 1864 that Kempston began to be known to antiquaries as a specially interesting locality. In that year gravel digging was in progress on the south side of the main road, not far from the place where the road to Marston branches out from it, and a large number of most remarkable relics were exhumed. The Rev. S. E. Fitch, M.D., who was then resident at Kempston, took a lively interest in the discoveries, which he has systematically described and placed on permanent record in the "Reports and Papers" of the Associated Archæological Societies, where the most noteworthy of the relics are admirably illustrated by the late Mr. Bradford Rudge. During the thirteen months that Dr. Fitch recorded the discoveries, a great number of graves yielded not only skeletons in various stages of decay, but personal ornaments, such as fibulæ, earrings, rings, etc., etc., some few of gold, others of silver and bronze; beads of amethys-

tine quartz, of crystal clear and opaque, and a vast number of highly ornamental beads, of beads of coloured glass and of earthen material.

Among the relics which were once used for household purposes and for the toilet was a wooden bucket, beautifully finished and encircled by bronze hoops; and in some of the women's graves small cylindrical bronze-gilt boxes were found, containing fragments of worsted fabric and some linen manufacture of three distinct qualities. These boxes were about 2¾in. in diameter and 2in. or 3in. in height, and were probably used as portable work-boxes or lady's companions. The weapons discovered included swords, spear-heads (with the remains of the wooden shaft in a more or less advanced state of decay), knives, and shields, or at least the central projecting part of the latter, termed the "umbo." The most notable "find" of all, however, was a beautiful glass drinking cup, as perfect as when it was deposited. It is 10½in. high, and 3½in. wide at the mouth, from which it gradually tapers to ¾in. at the base. It is pale green in hue, and is ornamented by shallow longitudinal grooves and by spiral threads near its widest end. In addition to these things a large number of urns were discovered, some containing apparently nothing but earth, others wholly filled with calcined bones, or with bones mingled with soil. These *fictilia* were all of the type now generally classified as Anglo-Saxon. A few coins were found, but these had evidently been used as ornaments, as they were pierced for suspension; one was of Carausius (A.D. 287-293), another of Constantine III. (A.D. 407), probably struck in London. In many cases the skeletons were laid at full length, and were covered with small slabs of rough limestone; in others they were in a kneeling or bent posture. Though a kind of rough order was apparent in the disposition of the graves, there was no sign of orientation, nor were any Christian insignia found. The depths of the interments varied from about eighteen inches to nearly five feet. Unfortunately Dr. Fitch's memoir is unaccompanied by a plan showing where the more interesting discoveries were made, but I am told that many relics were found on the site of the shop of Mr. Munns, the baker. This faces the Kempston Road, and is close to the turn to Marston. Early in the month of January last year the large level field on the north side of the road from Bedford to Kempston, and opposite the

place which yielded such an abundant harvest of antiquities twenty-six years ago, was sold by auction. A portion was purchased by Mr. George T. Jarvis, of Bedford, and the work of gravel digging began at once. An urn, a skeleton in a very imperfect state, and a fibula were found within two days of commencing the work. Though this augured well for further discoveries, nothing came to light, beyond a small Anglo-Saxon urn, dug up on April 15th, till June 5th. On this day a most remarkable group of urns was found in close contiguity, at a depth of about four feet, at a spot some forty-five yards from the west boundary of the premises pertaining to the recently-erected Board School. This pottery differs very distinctly from anything of the kind described by Dr. Fitch, as it is not Anglo-Saxon, but Roman or Romano-British. Seventeen urns, mostly in a very perfect condition, were brought to light within a space of four square yards. All of them were well shaped, and some of them are fine examples of the best class of Romano-British pottery. Three of the urns are of the beautiful Upchurch ware, manufactured on the Medway below Chatham, where the Romans had extensive potteries. One is shaped like a modern wash-hand basin, and is of a creamy-white colour.

I have sent sketches and descriptions of it to several antiquarian friends, but no one seems to know what particular ware it represents. It was found near the bottom of the saucer-shaped trench in which the group was deposited, and rested on a slab of stone. The other urns were ranged round it at a slightly higher level. Nothing was found in it except fine clean gravel, locally called "chinks." Nor were there any bones in the other urns. In one urn, however, a pair of bronze tweezers, and in another a bronze implement, used by the Romans as an ear-picker, were discovered. When the trench was further broken into, on July 11th, four other urns were found, evidently belonging to the same group. These are also of the so-called Roman type, and are by far the most noteworthy examples of ancient pottery which I have seen unearthed in this neighbourhood. One urn is of a slaty-blue colour, and is ornamented round the widest part by groups of three incised parallel lines, arranged in a V-shaped pattern, bounded and separated by wide raised bands. Another is of a light bluish-grey hue, and is decorated by ten or more parallel rows of minute square depressions. I

think both these may be regarded as Upchurch ware. The remaining two are nearly plain, but are beautifully shaped. All these urns contained bones, presumably human, mingled with small flints, and in one of them a piece of a worked flint was found, which evidently once formed part of an arrow head. On August 2nd the excavation reached a stage affording a favourable opportunity for examining the trench where these twenty-one urns were found grouped together in close proximity. It was a saucer-shaped depression, about twelve feet in diameter, and four feet in maximum depth from the natural surface of the ground, extending only a foot or so into the stratum of gravel underlying the vegetable mould. Towards the bottom of the trench, and below the level at which the urns lay, I found many stones and small pebbles which had clearly been subjected to the action of fire, and beneath this layer a stratum of charred wood and fragments of bone, but whether human or not I could not determine. A few days after this another somewhat similar but smaller excavation was discovered twenty-three yards west of the last, but at the same distance from the edge of the road. It was semi-circular in cross-section, about 3ft. 6in. in diameter, extended to a depth of four feet below the surface, and penetrated the gravel to the extent of eighteen inches only. It was filled with what seemed to be bluish-coloured earth, but which was once, I believe, "puddled" or tempered clay. Nothing was found in this grave, if it may be so called, except a great quantity of broken pottery, composed of very coarse gritty clay embedded in the "puddle." This evidently represented broken urns, and from the appearance of the pieces it was evident that the fractures are of old standing, and that it was probably deposited in a broken condition. The bottom of the trench was lined with a well-marked stratum of mould between the "puddle" and the sides. On examining the face of the excavation betwixt these two trenches, many pieces of bone were noted, and in trying to remove them I came upon two large fragments, one representing the pelvis, and the other part of a femoral bone of a human skeleton.

Between August, 1889, and January this year, no pottery of any value was discovered, though a vast quantity of broken urns was turned up at depths of about four feet. Judging from the fragments, the fractures seem to be ancient, and from the way they were scattered about it

would almost appear that they had been disturbed since they were deposited, and thrown back anyhow. Only two skeletons were found in anything approaching a good state of preservation. The most perfect was exhumed at a spot about fourteen yards from the east boundary of the Kempston School Board property, and two yards from the north boundary of the road. It lay at a depth of about two feet six inches, with the head towards the north. The skull (evidently from the perfection and number of the teeth that of a young man) was in a wonderfully good state of preservation. On the right side of it rested a lance head of iron about six inches long, containing a portion of the wood of the shaft. The interments and relics described by Dr. Fitch are all undoubtedly of Anglo-Saxon date, being very similar in character to those found in Anglo-Saxon cemeteries in Kent and other parts of England. The pottery, and the noteworthy absence of any of the usual accompaniments of Teutonic burial on the north side of the road, tends to show that the road, roughly speaking, divides the Anglo-Saxon portion of the cemetery from that used by another race. It was not uncommon for the invaders to continue to inter the remains of their dead where the Roman colonists had done the same long before, and during the gradual conquest of England and afterwards, Romanized Briton and Teuton were frequently laid in the same "God's Acre." Examples of this joint use of the same site are found at Canterbury, Colchester, and other places. At Kempston, as in many other Anglo-Saxon cemeteries, inhumation and cremation were practised at the same period. This is to be accounted for by the fact that though we apply the same generic term "Anglo-Saxon" to all the Teutonic tribes who invaded and colonized England after the departure of the Romans, these invaders consisted of clans differing widely in manners and customs and in other respects. One body of settlers practised cremation with urn burial, while another adhered to the custom of inhumation, and a third burnt the body, but, instead of inclosing the ashes in an urn, raised a mound over it. This part of England was doubtless the scene of constant change during the period when the cemetery was used. At one time the Angles, at another the Mercians, and then the West Saxons, occupied it and made it the scene of their peculiar modes of sepulture. It is impossible to say whether the Roman urns found last summer on the opposite side

of the road are to be regarded as relics of the Roman period, or as representing Romano-British interments during the Anglo-Saxon epoch—most probably the latter. Bedford, though possibly never a Roman station, was a place of note before the Teutons had established a permanent footing in this country. It became a Saxon town, and ultimately a somewhat prominent one with a Royal mint.

As early as the year A.D. 571 there was a great battle fought here by the West Saxons against the Britons, and we may fairly conclude there was a considerable British population in the town at this period, which continued to dwell here long after the date just mentioned, and to bury their dead with their own peculiar rites in the same cemetery at Kempston, which must not be regarded as a mere local place of sepulture, but as a place used by the dwellers in Bedicanford, and the inhabitants of the "tûns" and "hams" in the vicinity. As to the epoch of the Anglo-Saxon cemetery at Kempston, Dr. Fitch, from the absence of orientation and Christian relics, considers it as possibly earlier than A.D. 579; but as the West Saxons were not converted till A.D. 635, and the Mercians not till nearly twenty years later, one does not see why it is necessary to adopt so early a date. It is quite possible that pagan interments may have been the rule in this neighbourhood down to the year 650, or even later. Mr. Elger then referred to many urns of the Roman type in his own collection, and in that of Mr. Crick, said to have been found on the Bower Estate, east of Bedford, and in Edward Road, but which, he suspects, were really dug out at Kempston during the last eighteen months. Some of these contained human bones, and are unusually large. One is a nearly unfractured example of a Samian patera, with the master's name, MVRRA, stamped on a label in the centre.

Many urns discovered at Kempston, from the collections of Mr. Geo. T. Jarvis, Mr. Crick, and Mr. Elger, were exhibited, together with drawings of the trench in which the largest number was found.

Biggleswade.

THE following is the text of a charter of Henry I. granting the Manor of Biggleswade to Alexander, Bishop of Lincoln, and his successors for ever, as an endowment for the Cathedral. I took the opportunity, when at Lincoln last year, of copying it from an old folio MS. volume in the Muniment Room of the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln. The scribe, however, appears to have muddled the date, which should properly be 1132. The manor was alienated in the reign of Edward VI. by Henry Holbeach, then Bishop of Lincoln, who surrendered it to the King in 1547, along with a great deal of other property belonging to the See.

F. A. B.

"H. Rex Anglor' Archiep'is epi's abb'tis Conestab' Justiciarijs vic' & omnibus fidelibus suis francis &c. anglis toti' anglie sal. Sciant me reddidisse & concesse d'o & Eccli'e beate marie linc. & Alexandro Ep'o & omnibus successoribus suis inp'petuu' man'ium de Bicheleswada cu' terris & hominibus & omnibus ipsi man'io p'tinentibus: In bosco & Plano in aquis & ext' in pratis & pasturis in molend' & Eccl'ia in via & semitis in piscariis cu' soca & saca & toll' & team & Infangeteof cu' om'ib lib'tatibus & quietationib' & consuetudinib' & om'ib' reb' eide' man'io p'tinetib' Ita b'n' & in pace & honorifice & quiete obtinend' eccl'ie & Preclarato e'po & om'ib' successorib' eius sicut ego illud man'm umq' meli' & lib'ius tenui du' fuit in manu mea et aliquis qui illud lib'ius ante me tenuisse. Hac itaq' redditione & concessione mea sicut sup'ius det'minatum e' factum collaudo collaudatum co'firmo & illam p'f'te eccl'ie & ep'o Alexand' & successorib' eius integre illibateq' p'mansura' regiam auctoritate & a d'o michi concessa potestate corroboro. T. Rog. ep's Sar. & B. Cancell'io & Nigello nepote ep'i & Rob'to de Sigillo & Rob'to de Ver conestablo & Vmfre de Buch dap' & Will's de Pontearch. Cam'rio apud Gellingeham.

ANNO AB INCARNATIONE AN'I MILLESIMO TRICESSIMO SECVNDO.'

The Archdeacon of Bedford's Administration Act Books.

A FEW volumes of the above are still preserved in the Archdeacon's muniment room at S. Paul's, Bedford. They are very illegibly written, mostly in contracted Latin, with occasional pages in English. The writing is very bad, the records very brief, and the terminology peculiar, so that it would be a work of time to decipher their contents. Nevertheless any one who had time would be amply repaid by the knowledge he would gain of life in the sixteenth century.

An archdeacon in those days must have had his hands full, for besides the oversight and care of church buildings, he had to enforce discipline, correct immorality, hear complaints of non-payment of church dues and rates; in his court, also, wills were proved, inventories certified, letters of administration granted, and marriage licences were issued.

A favourite amusement of the rural population appears to have been playing at football on Sunday evenings, instead of going to Evening Prayer; a great many were cited for this offence in the year 1620. But the most frequent cases seem to have been against morals, such as pre-nuptial incontinence, fornication, &c. Hardly a parish, I suspect, but furnished its quota of offenders; some had to perform penance, others were fined, and some dismissed with a warning. The sentences do not appear to have been very severe, due, I expect, to the fact that church discipline was gradually losing its hold on the people.

The following extracts will give some idea of the variety of information to be obtained from these books.

F. A. B.

DECRETA IN VISITATION' DNI. ARCH. BEDD.

8 August 1578.

FELMERSHAM.—Richard Leache, Robert Rota', & Thomas Leache have not receaved the Communio' at Easter last; Willia' Burye, Thomas Hodsone, Robert Otwaye & his wyfe for the lyke offence.

FARNDISHE.—The cha'cell & p'snage are in decaye by the p'sons defalt; they have but one sermo' this year.

WOOTTON.—The cha'cell is in decaye at the queenes defalte. Willia' Borne of Marston detayneth a legacye of o iijs. iiijd.

by the yeare fr. the poore of Wotto'; he is behinde for xx yeares.

PAVENHAM.—The cha'cell is in decaye & redye to faule downe at the defaute of Trynitye College Ca'bridge.

BLETSOE.—We p'sent or p'son for cuttinge Tymber of all the p'sonage grounde.

BIDDENHAM.—We doe present that we had no Communio' but once this yeare & that or last Churchewardens dyd not make there acco'pte for the yeare. Thomas Wryghte, Bartholomewe Brytte'.

CHELLINGTON.—Or cha'sell is in decaye at the p'sons Defalte but the p'son hathe begone to me'de hyt. Or Churche wyndowes wa't glasinge. Or p'son hath ij benefycyes.

BEDFORD, SA'CTI PETRI.—There is no pulpitte in the littell churche; the x Co'a'de'ets are not on the walles; the ch'acell & Churche are not paved in su' places.

BEDFORD, SANCTI JOHAN.—Theyre church is in decaye & other things besydes, but they wyll repaire the' wthoute anye further authorytye. It. yt the Mynister weareth not his surples at the Co'munio'.

COPLE.—The vicar Mr. [?] Pewsey is not Resydent.

BEDFORD, SANCTE MARIES.—Mistres Gostwicke cometh not to the Churche to heare dyvyne servyce.

STRATLYE.—The vicar hath ij benefycies.

BARTON.—Thouroughe certayne co'trou'yses betweene the p'son & his p'ishioners certayne have not receaved as John Prior thelder, Tho: Prior thelder, Nicholas Dento', Tho. Laur'ce, & others.

It. Samuell ffulke or p'son wthholdeth fr. the p'ishe a Bushell of malte & a pecke of wheate dewe by custome to vs at Hocktyde, a Bushell of wheate & a bushell of malte dewe by custome at Whitsontyde also.

It. wee have no Homelyes reade.

It. wee have no other sermones the' he maketh hymselfe.

LANGFORD.—Or Cancell wyndowes are in decaye, broken, & the Glasse thereof lyke to folle thereoughte. Mr. Wynche his Defalte.

TYLSWORTH.—We have had but one sermone sence Michaelmas wch was the sondaye after newyears day.

SOUTHILL.—Tratters wife is not yet absolved.

It. Mr. Morboroughe beinge p'son dothe not repayre or cha'cell beinge in decaye.

CARDINGTON.—John Roberts serveth vnder or vicar & wee knowe not whether he be lyce'sed so to doe or no.

FLITTON.—Or mynister hathe not lyce'ce to serve & yt he serveth ij Cures.

HARLINGTON.—Or vicar hathe ij benefyces.

CLOPHILL.—We p'sent Willia' Spellinge the 23 of Marche beinge the' calle Palme Sondaye in the churche and tyme of

Eveni'ge prayer before such maydes as the' had receaved the Co'munion' dyd in the [?] yere stated lye vpo' his backe verye vndecentlye till thende of the fyrste lesso' & also ofte' tymes dothe seeme to forgette to yealde dewe Reverence in the tyme of dyvyne service.

It. Edouarde ffysher ge'tleman hathe not receaved the Co'munio' since Easter nowe ij yeeres past in or p'ishe, but he hathe p'missed to prepare hymselfe thervnto on Sondaye nexte.

It. Agnes the wyfe of Michaele Tylcocke hathe byne co'playned of for hir inco'tynencye & hathe not done penance accordinglye but suche as she thought good.

EYWORTH.—John Buckmaster dyd mysvse the scholemaster in the Churche for beatinge of the childre' of the sayd John.

SHILLINGTON.—Creeke the scholemaster kepeth a suspected p'son in his house who is wth childe.

BARTON.—Nicholas De'to' & William Crawley have not receaved the Com'unio', they have offered the'selves but the p'son wyll not receave the'.

TEMPSFORD.—P'se'ta't Edwarde Noakes theyr Curat for yt they knowe not whether he hathe take' orders or no.

MALDEN.—P'se't Mr. Kychyner the p'son of Nether Gravenhurst because he preached the xjth day of Maye & we knowe not whether he had a Licence.

1578, Jul. 8. Fiat Lice'tia matri'oialis Joh'em Short de Dunstable et Agnete' Sheppard de Houghto' Regis, vidua.

1578, June 27. Queratur testamentum Richardi Sandres de Potsgrave mortuus circiter xl annos a retro fecit Richard' Sanders eius executore.

1578, Jun. 6. Fiat Lice'tia Edouardo Smithe Curat de Nether Grave'hurste ad celebrandum matrimonium cum Alicia Amps de Campton in Eccl'ia p'ochali de Campton. . .xs.

1578, Ap. 30. In Eccl'sia de Amptill inter horas 3am et 4am dns. John Browne Rector de Clophill institutus pleno possessione rectores, &c.

(*To be continued.*)

Brasses.

AMPTHILL.—Some ancient Brasses have recently been discovered in an old cupboard of the Parish Church, where they have fortunately found a resting-place for many years past. Owing to the thoughtful care of Mr. John Bramwell Seward, the churchwarden, they have been carefully mounted

on stout wooden boards and securely fastened to the west wall of the nave, where we trust they will remain undisturbed. The writer of this similarly treated two interesting sixteenth century Brasses of the Saunders family, which were loose in the Rectory of Pottesgrave, some years since. If all were as careful to preserve these valuable memorials of the past, we should not now have to deplore the loss of so many relics of the past. The following are the inscriptions on the Brasses referred to :—

Hic iacent Willm̃s Hicchecok Wolman qu°dam M'cator et locũtenens Stapule ville | Calisie qui obiit xiiij° die Marcij A° dni M°CCCC°l° Et dna Agnes vx' ei' q°r ãiabs ppicet de'.

Orate p ãiabs Johis lodyngton Junior et Margarete vxoris ei' qui quidem Johes obiit penultimo die Mensis Septembris anno dni M°CCCC° octogesimo quinto cui' aia ppiciet deu'.

Maker of man o god in Trinite
That hast allone all in ordennce
Forgeve the trespas of my Juvente
Me thyke not lord up on myn ignorance
Forgeue my Soule all my mysgouernnce
Bryng me to blisse where thow art Eternall
Euer to iope with his aungeles celestiall.

Haines, in his *Manual of Monumental Brasses*, says that the above were loose in the parvise in 1857. A representation of the brass of Sir Nicholas Harve, 1532, is given in Fisher's *Monumental Remains*; and the inscription is also to be found in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, vol. 87, pt. ii. p. 394, where it is described as on an altar-tomb ; the slab is now, I believe, covered by a pew.

There was yet another brass, to John Chapman and his wife, the inscription belonging to which has, it is said, disappeared. The following is a copy of it taken from the last-named publication, vol. 86, pt. ii. p. 105 :—

Of yor charite pray for the soule of John Barnard late of Ampthill | Chapmã and Elyn his wif whiche Elyn dep'ted to God the xxii day of | April in ye yer of our lord god MCCCCCXXXVI on whose soulis Jhũ have | mercy Amen.

F. A. B.

A correspondent writes as follows :—

In *Transactions of the Cambridge University Association of Brass Collectors*, Feb. 1890, at pp. 25, 26, is the following notice :—

"The brass of Sir Nicholas Harve, 1532, representing the knight in armour, was removed in December last, at the request of Mrs. Harvey, of Ickwell Bury, Bedfordshire, from Ampthill church, Beds, and placed in Northill church, the burial place of the Harvey family. Mrs. Harvey is about to place a brass tablet in Ampthill church, near the spot where it lay, stating when it was removed and where.

Qu. Was a *faculty* obtained for the removal of the brass of Sir Nicholas Harve ?

H. G.

ELSTOW.—Brass of Elizabeth Hervy, Abbess.—In Sept. 1864, I communicated to a local paper a list of monumental brasses within a limited district, chiefly in Bucks, which had, to my own knowledge, been recently mutilated. Amongst them I mentioned the very remarkable and important brass of Elizabeth Hervy, Abbess of Elstow, as having lost a portion of the border-legend (all after "defunctorum") and the crosier head.

I referred to the Statute 24 & 25 Vict. cap. 97, sec. 39, under which the destruction or mutilation of any monument is punishable with six months' imprisonment.

Another Act of Parliament imposing penalties on the destruction or injury of works of art, including monuments, is 8 & 9 Vict. cap. 44.

The removal of a monument from one church to another is of course unlawful, unless under a faculty, or an Act of Parliament, as in the lamentable case of the desecrated churches of London.

I suggested that it would greatly tend to the preservation of the injured brasses, if all the wanting parts were supplied by the cavities being filled with some good cement, so that the least portion afterwards removed would immediately be missed. The cement would, of course, not be of an objectionable colour.

From the Rev. S. R. Wigram's *Chronicles of the Abbey of Elstow*, Oxford, 1885, 8vo. p. 149 and plate, it appears that some part of the border-legend of the monument above noticed, though detached, was lately preserved in the vestry. It may therefore be hoped that it will be replaced, if this has not been done already. The crosier head (which is in Fisher's plate, 1811) is, however, not accounted for.

H. G.

BEDFORDSHIRE ANTIQUITIES.—Below we give a cutting from a sale-catalogue of Messrs. Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hodge, dated February 17 and 18, 1890. As a record of an unique collection, it deserves recording in these columns. A gentleman who saw the volumes informs me that they were most sumptuously bound, and that the execution of the work left nothing to be desired. It is to be regretted that this fine collection has not found a home in the County, but, alas! it is not every one whose purse is long enough to secure such a prize. There was keen competition for the coveted treasure, and ultimately the hammer dropped not till it reached the goodly sum of £73 10*s*., at which figure it became the possession of a private buyer.

F. A. B.

"616. ILLUSTRATIONS OF BEDFORDSHIRE ANTIQUITIES.—Monumental Heraldry and Inscriptions in Bedfordshire Churches. FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-TWO beautifully-finished ORIGINAL DRAWINGS of Armorial Bearings and Inscriptions on Sepulchral Monuments of interest anterior to 1700, as at present known to exist in the County, alphabetically arranged, with appropriate titles and contents, bound in 5 vols. *olive morocco super extra, g. e.* by *Holloway, royal folio.* 1868.

*** The Heraldic Blazonry is an exact counterpart of the originals, while the legends are reduced to a given scale. For this purpose each Church in the County was carefully visited, many as often as four or five times, and the drawings afterwards compared with the actual monuments. Its compilation occupied the leisure hours of ten years."

ROXTON.—EXTRACTS FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS.

1689, Mar. 24.	Edward ye s. of Richard Thorowgood Buried.
1691, Feb. 28.	Edward ye s. of Richard Thorowgood Bapt.
1693, June 1.	Charles ffield, gent., Buried.
1693, Oct. 11.	Anne ye wife of Will: Andrews, Gent., & Phebe his Daugh: (*sic*) buried.
1693, Dec. 24.	Richard ye s. of Richard Thorogood Bapt.
1694, Oct. 22.	Anne Hunt, vid: Buried.
1694, Feb. 2.	John ye s. of Jn. & Grace Rewse; Borne Jan: 31.
1697, Dec. 9.	George Cartar bur.
1703, July 15.	Mr. Thomas Hawes & Mrs. Mary ffarr mar.
1712, Oct. 15.	William Andrews & Jane Norfield mar.
1714, July 20.	Grace ye wife of Mr. Jn. Rewse vicr. of Roxton, bur.
1715, Aug. 21.	Edward ye s. of John Fincham, Esq: & Anne his wife Buried.
1715, Oct. 8.	Elizabeth Hunt, Gentleman, Bur.
1717, Dec. 10.	Mary Anne ye d. of John ffincham Esq. & Anne his wife bur.
1720, Sept. 18.	The Rev: Mr. Rewse, vicar of ys Parish, Buried.
1721, Apr. 20.	Mr. John Rewse buried
1728, May 5.	Ann Andrew wife of . . . Andrew of London buried.
1730, Nov. 9.	Eliz: Carter, of Colmouth, bur.
1730, Dec. 4.	James Metcalfe Esq: bur.
1735, July 1.	Wm. Laughton of Temsford & Margaret Francklin of this parish by Licence.
1736, Aug. 31.	Captain James Edmonds of the parish of St. Mary-le-bone Com: Middl: bur.
1737, Oct. 28.	Mary d. of the Rev: Mr. Hughes & Mary his wife Buried
1741, Apr. 28.	Newman ye s. of ye Rev: Newman Hughes Buried.
1742, Dec. 20.	Mr. Wm. Andrews of the Parish of St. Paul's Wharf, London, Buried.

F. A. B.

STANBRIDGE.—In the reign of Queen Elizabeth, the inhabitants of Stanbridge filed a Bill in Chancery against Gabriel Fowler, to recover possession of a messuage called the Town-house, used as such by the inhabitants beyond the memory of man, and for the use of a minister by appointment of the Vicar of Leighton, to say divine service

in. The defendant is stated to occupy the said house to the exclusion of the inhabitants, who aver that unless relief be had, they must be at the charge of building a new house for the like purposes. (*Chancery Proceedings, in the Tower of London, S.S. 17-17*).

DUNSTABLE, RARE ROMAN COIN FOUND AT.—Amongst the numerous coins found at and near Dunstable it is by no means uncommon to see Roman examples. The Roman coins of this district are generally what are termed late Roman or Imperial coins, or coins of the Empire which followed the Roman Republic. A remarkable coin lately found is one of the so-called Consular coins, a *Denarius* of the Roman Republic, struck between B.C. 99 and B.C. 94. This date is 40 years earlier than the first invasion of Britain by Julius Cæsar, and 160 years before the conflicts of the Romans with Boadicea. The coin is in good condition and clearly stamped with the name of the old Master of the Roman Mint, viz. Didius.

W. G. S.

Some Bedfordshire Wills.

Abstracted from the Original Wills, and certified copies, at the District Court of Probate, Northampton.

(CONTINUED FROM VOL. II. p. 352.)

THOMAS BEAUMONT, senr., of Greenfield, in par. Flitton, gent., 12 May, 1694. To poor of F. & Pulloxhill £10 ea.; grandson Thomas B. £100; da.-in-law Mary wife of my s. Thomas one broad piece of gold, 2 gold rings, & my silver tobacco box. Residue to s. Thomas, sole exor. Pr. 23 June, 1694.

ELIZABETH BABINGTON, of Bedford, wid., 2 Mar. 1694. To children of my da. Sarah, wife of Robert Courtman, gent. of B. £100; brother John Maxy, sister Lydia Marryott; to nephew & godson John s. of my brother John Maxy £5; niece and goddaur. Eliz'th Marryott d. of my sister Lydia £5; brother Thomas Maxy £6; son-in-law Robt. Courtman, and Sarah my wife exors. Pr. 10 Nov. 1696.

WILLIAM CARTER, of Kempston, 20 Jan. 1500. To be bur. in cemetery of All Saints, Kempston. To s. Walter [? Willm.] 5 acres of land meadow near Salis bushes; s. John Thomas 4 acres meadow near Holme; s. John 1 acre & ½ acr. near hyllyfeld furlong, & another ½ ac. near huntsholt; s. Richard 2 acres & ½ an acr. near Inge, and another ½ acr. lying near medeforlonge and another acr. near rushen & one rood lying near lytlynge. If all his sons die without issue all lands to be sold and disposed of for souls of all his friends. To wife Alice Carter tenement in est ende, the same that I had from Lord Daubeny "cõdaria d'ni regis." Appoints wife Alice sole extrix. with Nicholas Carter. Witnesses Thomas Bale, Richard Denet, Richard Petey, Richard Wylkynson. Proved 1 Mar. 1500.

WILLIAM CONQUEST, 12 Aug. 1517. To be bur. in ch. of Southill in the space before the roode. To wife Elizabeth, plate implements & household stuff; litle Ales my servant; Edward Peck to be resid. legatee. Brother Edmond to be exor. with Robert Stewkley & Edward Peck. William Hamylden to be supervisor. Refers to last will "written wth myn owne hande the xx day of Feb. viijth of K. H. VIII." Bardways place with the land to be sold, & 20 nobles thereout to be paid to the 2 daurs. of John Bulmer; xs. to Sir William Dapage to pray for me. Proved 2 June, 1521—Admon. granted to Edmond Conquest & Robert Stewkley exors.

JOHN CRAWLEY, of Luton, 24 May, 1519. To be bur. in ch. of Luton nigh grave of my father. Eld. s. John to have the house at Nether Crawley which my mother dwelleth in, and the farm of Havryngs holy, and porcions of the tithes of Luton and challey end. To wife Johan my house that I dwell in called plentisse till Richard my s. come of age of 23 years. To my 2 sons William & Thomas my house at Dane street. Son John, Thomas Crawley of Chiltern green to have half my tithe at newmilend. Daurs. Johan, Alice. Appoints s. John & Thomas Madyngham exors. [Will finishes abruptly, no probate annexed.]

WILLIAM COBBE, the elder, of Sharnbrook, 14 Oct. 1522. To be bur. in the ch. of St. Peter, Sharnbrook. To Alys my wife all my lands, tenements, &c., in Sharnbrooke, Bletsoe and Felmersham, at her decease. William my son, Elizabeth Margaret & Jone Carter my daurs. £10 apiece; Ann Yeryell my da. £4. Residue between wife

Alice & son William. Sir Richard Cobbe, my son, vicar of Felmersham, Will'm my son, and Robert Carter, to be exors. Also I bequeath to Margett Varnam d. of Thomas Cobbe a heifer of ij yerys old. Proved 25 Oct. 1522.

WILLIAM CRAWLEY, of Luton, 13 Nov. 1525. To be bur. in Luton church. House and lands to wife & after to s. John. Sons Valentyne, William & da. Alice 20*s.* apiece. Residue to Judith his wife & Thomas Bruse whom he appoints exors. Witnesses—Mr. Roger Baldwyn, Thomas Crawley, Edward Crawley, &c. Proved 24 Nov. 1525.

NICHOLAS CARTER, of Kempston, 24 June, 1527. To be bur. in ch. yard of Kempston. House that he dwells in to be sold by his feoffees, Mr. Reinold Gray, Esq., W'm. Smith, & John Newold; proceeds to be distributed as follows:—To John & Bartholomew his children equal portions. Appoints feoffees exors. Proved [ ] 1527.

JOHN CRAWLEY, of Luton, 30 June, 1530. To be bur. in the ch. of Luton. To Richard my son my house in south end of the Towne of Luton; Thomas my s. house & land in par. Wootton; William my brother xx. quarters of barley; Thomas my brother xx. quarters of barley; Annes my wife, John, Richard, Thomas & William, my 4 sons & Annes my da. Makes Thomas Monyngham & William Aukke exors. These being present, Sr William Baston my confessor, John Thrall, John Wye, John Day, William Dyer, &c. Proved 8 Aug. 1530.

EDMUND CONQUEST, of Houghton Conquest, gent., 15 June, 1531. To be bur. in the middle space before the rood of my parish ch. of Houghton. To Joan my wife my tenement in Chapel-end of Houghton, with all lands, meadows, &c. for life, at her decease to my nephew Edmund Conquest & his heirs for ever, on failure of issue to the ch'wardens of Houghton for the time being to sell & out of proceeds to make a new rood loft within the ch. To wife Joan a tenement & appurtenances lying in Kebull Ende of Houghton Conquest for life, remainder to nephew Edmond & his heirs. Residue to wife Joan whom he appoints sole executrix. Witnesses—Sir William Coveng, parson of the gyldable, Thomas Scraton, John Purser, Thomas Dowson, &c. Proved 4 March, 1531.

JOHN CRAWLEY, of Luton, 18 July, 1542. To be bur. in ch. of our Lady at Luton by my wife. To Elizabeth my wife £13 6*s.* 8*d.*; da. Jone half my household stuff; John Crawley the younger my son, William my son, Eliz'th

my da. other moiety of my household stuff; da. Elizabeth Spayne, 40*s.*; mentions son Umfray Crawley, and Robert Crawley, my son. Residue to s. John C. the younger. Appoints sons John Crawley the elder, and Edward Crawley, exors. Witnesses, Umfray Crawley, Robert Crawley, John Reynes, Elizabeth Spayne, &c. Proved Wednesday next after F. S. George Martyr, 1545.

THOMAS CARTER, of Kempston, 12 Apr. 1544. To be bur. in ch'yard of Kempston. Da. Ellen Carter; to Em. wife, his dwelling-house, remdr. to s. William. Residue to wife Em. whom he appoints extrix., s. William exor. Proved 27 July, 1544.

EDWARD CRAWLEY, of Luton, singleman, 20th Dec. 1544. To be bur. in the ch. of our Lady in Luton before the Trinity altar. To my mother 30*s.* To brother William; Richard, Thomas & William, sons of my brother John C., 2 quarters of malt. Agnes Chapman and Joane Hill, sister's daurs. 3*s.* 4*d.* ea. To every child of my bro. Richard, 8*d.* apiece. To Joan wife of Richard Hill, & William Norris, sundry bequests. Appoints Sir John Gweneth, Vicar of Luton, supervisor, and John Tymmes, junr., & Edward Norris, exors. Witnesses, Sir John Gweneth, Vicar, Sir John Johnson, writer of this testament, John Tymmes, the elder, &c. Proved 21 May, 1545.

WILLIAM COBBE, of Yckewell, in Northyevell, 12 Dec. 1545. To be bur. in ch.yard of our Lady in Northyevell. House at Ickwell to s. John, house at Northill to s. William, to da. Elizabeth 2 cows. Residue between sons John & William. Willm. Clarke to be overseer. Witnesses, Sir Robert Greene, &c. Makes John Cobbe & Thomas Clark, exors. Proved 8 Mar. 1545.

THOMAS COLBECK, of Tempsford, 17 Nov. 1545. To be bur. in Tempsford ch'yard. Sons Thomas, John, Laurance, Richard, & William; daurs. Elizabeth, Katherine, Rose, & Alice. Wife Lucy. To his mother, 6*s.* 8*d.* Makes brother John Colbeck, sons Thomas & John, exors. Sir William Smith, Chaplain, to be supervisor. Witnesses, William Boteler, &c. Proved 8 Apr. 1546. Thos. C. exor having died.

LUCY COLBECK, of Tempsford, 28 July, 1546. To be bur. in St. Peter's ch'yard, Tempsford. Sons Thomas & John, d. Elizabeth. Ric. Colbeck to be exor., John Colbeck to be supervisor. Proved 10 June, 1547.

JOAN CARTER, of Kempston, widow, 1 June, 1546. To

be bur. in ch'yard of Allhallows, Kempston. Mentions Ellen's children, William Carter's eld. da., to whom sundry bequests. Residue to d. Ellen, whom she makes sole extrix. Witnesses Sir John Dewe, Vicar of Kempston, John Fox, &c. Proved 9 May, 1546 (*sic*).

RICHARD CRAWLEY, of Stopsley, in par. Luton, 15 June, 1551. To be bur. in my par. ch. near my father. To s. William and his heirs my dwelling house called "Plenties," and 7 acres of land, on failure of issue to his other 3 brethren. To s. John & his heirs my house in Luton, &c., & £30, on failure of issue to other 2 sons, Thomas & Roger. To s. Thomas a close & 76 acres of arable land bought of George Acworth, Esq., & 30 acres of land bought of the King's Ma'tie in Lygrave, with remainder to Thomas & Roger. To Roger 60 acres of land bought of Geo. Acworth, Esq. To s. William a close called Grenwicke, bought of John Perot, my bro.-in-law. To da. Alice, 2 closes & 27 acres of arable land. To daurs. Julian, Isabell, & Christian, £20 apiece. William my brother. Residue to s. William. Joane my wife £40. Appoints s. William & Robert Perott, exors. Proved 20 Jan. 1578.

WILLIAM COBBE, of Sharnbrook, 25 Aug. 1558. To be bur. in par. ch. of Sharnbrook, at the head of my father and mother. To Laurence Cobbe his s. and his heirs all his lands, &c., in Felmersham, lately purchased of John Childers (?) & Tho. Leache. To wife Elizabeth house in Felmersham called Kilpins. To s. Richard C. tenements and lands in Felmersham, late purchased of John Cooper, of Bedford. Da. Mary C. £20. To s. George C. tenements and land lately purchased of Wm. Hardwyke, &c. To d. Alice £20. To s. William £20. Sisters Joan Gore, Agnes Meryell. Son Thomas all his lands in Sharnbrook and Bletsoe. Appoints sons Thomas, Laurance, and Richard, exors. Proved 23 Jan. 1558.

REYNOLD COLLOP, of Flitwick, gent., 29 Sept 1575. To be bur. in ch'yard of Flitwick, near where my 2 wives do lie. To s. George lands in Flitwick. Mentions daurs. Elizabeth & Alice. Makes son Henry exor., Raphe Astreye, junr., gent., overseer. Proved 5 Nov. 1579.

MARGARET CRAWLEY, of Luton, 9 Nov. 1580. William, John, and Mary, my brothers and sister, to have all my goods. Witnesses John Neyle, William Crawley. Pr. 16 Jan. 1589.

HENRY CATER, 18 Oct. 1581. Mentions sister Joane, father and brother late dec^d^. Pr. 26 Apr. 1582.

REGINALD COLLOPP, of Flitwick, gent., 1587. To be bur. within the chapel lying unto the chancel and parish church of Flitwick. To s. John his dwelling house in Church end, Flitwick, & 31 acres of land as it lieth in the fields of Flitwick, & 3 roods of meadow, one rood of the same being in churchend mead, one ½ acre more being in Stanyate mead now in the tenure of Robert Lumley, also a tenement that Thomas Crouch dwelleth in, & 5 roods of arable land and 1 rood of meadow in Easterwine meade, now in the tenure of Robert Lumley; also a tenement late purchased of Mr. Rafe Astrey, Esq., with one close joining to the common lane in Church end; also a tenement called tagg lane in devil end, also a tenement in East end that John Mourwyne now dwelleth in, &c., &c. Remainder to sons Reginald and Thomas, together with lands in Pulloxhill. Remainder to daur. Elizabeth, & Anne, youngest da. To da. Ales £20. To s. Charles Horsley an acre of rye, and to his children John, Reynold, Elizabeth, & Dorothy Horsley, an ewe lamb apiece. Wife Katherine. Son John to give yearly towards the repair of the chapel adjoining the ch. of Flitwick *6s. 8d.* for the space of 20 years. Son John to be exor., sons Thos. & Reginald to be supervisors. Proved 13 Apr. 1590.

THOMAS CHILDE, elder, of Roxton, yeoman, 17 Dec. 1605. To be bur. in par. ch. of Roxton. To my wife Margaret the 3rd part of my lands in Roxton & Barford; sons Thomas, Warren, and Luke. To Joane Knight, my daur's da., £10, remd. to her sister, Margt. Knight. To Thomas Wagstaffe, my da. Cooper's son, £10, remd. to his bro. Hen. Wagstaffe. To da. Jane, wife of John Mokes, £20; one half to be paid to her by her bro.-in-law, Richd. Cooper. Thomas & John, s^s^ of his s. Warren Child, 20*s.* apiece, &c. Bro. Henry Child, 10*s.* Residue to s. Thomas with remd. to Robert, s. of Thomas. Appoints s. Thomas exor. Signed, sealed & deld., 21 Feb. 1605. Pr. 9 Oct. 1606.

REINALD COLLOPP, of Pulloxhill, yeoman, 12 Oct. 1605. To be bur. in the chancel of Polloxhill or Flitwick. To brother Thomas Collopp his dwelling house and appurtenances & also all his lands in par. of Flitton, in default of male issue to brother John C., in default of issue male to right heirs. To bro. Thomas 5 acres of land in Flitwick,

late purchased of Thomas Freman & Eliz'th his wife; also an annuity of £20 issuing out of a farm in the par. of S. Peter's in the fields, Bedford, called the bury farm, which Mr. Thomas Hillsden, gent., & I late purchased of one Millward of Flitwicke. To Reinald Horsley my nephew, now prentise in London, £5. Residue to bro. Thomas whom he appoints exor. Proved 4 Dec. 1606.

THOMAS CHILDE, of Roxton, yeoman, 12 Feb. 1612. To be bur. in par. ch. of Roxton. To wife, Grace Child, 40*s.* a year out of a tenement in Roxton; s. Francis Child als Clarke, £30; Thomas & Agnes C., my s. Robert's children, £40 apiece; Mary Bull, £4; Anthony Clarke, my wife's father, 20*s.*; John Clarke, 20*s.*; Leonard Barcock, £5. Residue to s. Robert, whom he makes sole exor. Pr. 17 Mar. 1612.

MAUDE CHILDE, of Silsoe, widow, 27 Jan. 1614. To be bur. in Flitton ch. All her goods wh. she brought from Fieldon to da. Judith, wife of Thomas Hill. The sum of £100 in hands of eld. s. Robert, and the sum of £20 in the hands of her brother Norton to be equally divided between her 4 children, Robert, Francis, Elizabeth & Judith. Robert Childe, of Feilden, and Thomas Hill to be exors. Pr. 22 Feb. 1614.

THOMAS CRAWLEY, of Maide-burie, gent., 11 Nov. 1616. All his worldly goods to wife Frances, whom he makes sole extrix. "Whereas I did purchase the wardship of my wife's eldest s. in the name of my brother Binge, yet in trust to my use and to the behalf of my two daurs., my will and mind is that if her said eld. s., my ward, shall marry either of my two daurs. that he shall be free at his age of 21 years." Residue to wife. Pr. 13 Jan. 1616.

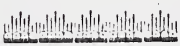
JOHN CRAWLEY, of Grantumsteade, in par. Luton (no date). To be bur. in par. ch. of Luton. To sons John & William £100 each, & to Joane £80. Eld. s. Thomas to be exor. Pr. 21 Oct. 1617.

RICHARD CRAWLEY, of Dunstable Lane, Luton, yeoman, 28 June 1618. To be bur. in Luton ch. near to where my father lieth. To Mr. Birde, vicar, 6*s.* 8*d.* to preach at my burial. Wife Elizabeth to be sole extrix., gives her Hagdell close containing 10 acres, also dwelling house, after her decease to s. William. Other lands to sons Richard & Abraham. Residue to wife; bro.-in-law William Preston, of Childwick, gent., to be supervisor. Pr. 11 Nov. 1618.

CHRISTIAN CRAWLEY, of Luton, widow, 12 Sept. 1618.

To be bur. in Luton ch. To John Birde, vicar, 10*s*. to make a sermon at my burial. To s. Robert C. & d. Susan, wife of John Parratt, £10 apiece To son-in-law Thomas Cooper £7, & to d. Sarah Cooper, his wife, a coffer, &c. To d. Eliz'th Field, now wife of Thomas Field, a table cloth, &c. To Robert s. of Thomas Cooper, Eliz'th d. of Thos. Field, Edward C. & Sarah C. 2 of the children of my brother-in-l. Edward C., of Dollowe, part of my stock of malt. To Thomas, Edward & Francis, sons of Thos. Cooper, 20*s*. apiece. To the 4 children of my s. Moyses Crawlie, dec'd, 40*s*. apiece. To Eliz'th Collins, my godda., 20*s*. To sister Jane C. my Monday gowne. Residue to Thos. Field, s.-in-l., whom she make sole exors. Pr. 11 Nov. 1618.

MARGARET COLLOP, of Flitwick, late wife of Henry C., 11 June 1622. To be bur. in churchyard of Flitwick. To s. Edmund £80. To kinswoman Alice Farye a heifer. To kinsman Edmund Farie, my best ewe sheep. Residue to s. John C. whom I ordain exor. Pr. 9 July 1622.



CRANFIELD REGISTER.—The annexed communications are to be found in the *Gents. Mag.* for September and October, 1830, vol. 100, part 2, pp. 194, 290 :—

(1) "A Correspondent writes—A portion of a Parish Register, beginning in 1671, containing baptisms, marriages, and burials, each leaf or page signed 'Tho. Frank, Rector,' and the names of divers Churchwardens very regularly until 1689, has fallen into my hands, which I could wish to restore to the place to which it belongs, but have no means of ascertaining of what parish this Thomas Frank was Rector, and the names, though many of them very common, affording no clue to a discovery, not one parish in Buckinghamshire occurring to me as being likely to own it ; nor is there the name of one person or family of note, though probably many to whom such an authentic document might eventually be important. It strikes me that Bedfordshire might possibly comprise the parish, but only from the similarity of some very common names there in divers places. In one place, 'William Brittain and

Mary Page widdow were marryed on ye thirteenth of February 1682, both these persons were inhabitants of North Crawley in ye county of Bucks. Tho. Frank Rector, George Gillett, Thomas Grumont, Churchwardens.' On the blank page at the beginning is T. F. 1783; to whom this relates, whether to a relative of the Rector, Mr. Frank, or not, is entirely unknown. It was purchased amongst the *offal* of an attorney's office in London, as is asserted, many years ago; and by a subsequent sale has been transferred to the inquirer. The very strange name of Roger Ventiman occurs in 1688. It must have been some very small parish, the marriages scarcely averaging half a dozen in a year."

(2) H.H.G. says:—"The Thos. Frank, inquired after in p. 194, appears to have been the Rector of Cranfield, co. Bedford; he was also Archdeacon of Bedford, and Preb. of Langford Manor in Lincoln Cathedral. He was succeeded in the above-mentioned Rectory in 1731, by his son. It is probable that the register in question was a transcript made by Thomas Frank, for the gentleman alluded to above was only sixty-eight years of age at the time of his decease in 1731. He was buried in Cranfield Church."

DANIEL HIPWELL.

34, *Myddelton Square, Clerkenwell, London.*

BLETSOE, NICHOLAS MASON, RECTOR OF.—Lambeth MS. 946, fo. 15. Presentations to Livings in various Dioceses, 1652 to 1659. folio.—"To the Commissioners for Approbation of publiq preachers or any five of them Greetinge.—I Oliver Earle of Bolingbrooke the true and undoubted Patron of the Rectory of the Parish Church of Bletnesho in the County of Bedford now voyd by the death of Christopher Lawry the last Incumbent thereof and to my p'sentacon of full right belonginge, doe hereby present Mr Nicolas Mason Clerke to the said Rectory, desiringe you forthwith to admitt the said Nicolas Mason to the said Rectory of Bletnesho aforesaid and invest him with all its rights members and apptenances whatsoeuer In witnesse whereof I haue hereunto sett my hand and

seale on the first day of March in the year 1658 BOLINGBROOKE." [Seal.] [Endorsed at back] "March 16, -58 Aprill 6th, -59 Sealed and deliuered in the presence of THOMAS HEAYNES (The marke of) JEAMES LUCAS." [In right hand corner] MR. MASON. His death is thus recorded in the Parish Register:—"Nicol Mason Rector of Bletsoe was buryed Tuesday June the sixth 1671." And on a stone slab on the floor of the Chancel is the following inscription to his memory:—"Here resteth ye Body of ye Lords Faithfull Labourer Nicolas Mason who fell asleep -NE Anno Dñi 1671 in the 72d yeare of his Life and in the — yeare of His Ministery." He matriculated as a sizar of Christ's Coll. Camb. 17 Dec. 1614; B.A. 1617–8; M.A. 1621, and was instituted to Irchester Rectory, co. Northampton, 13 August, 1623.

DANIEL HIPWELL.

Queries.

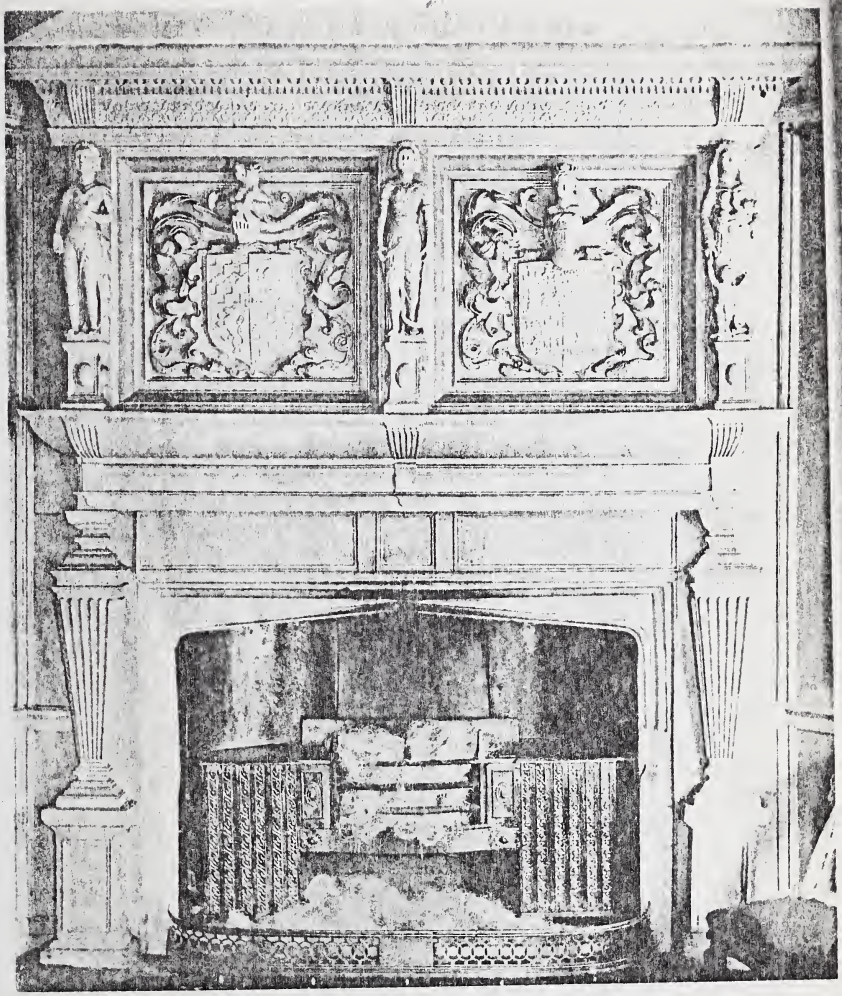
BISHOP LYSTER.—In going through the Institutions for the Archdeaconry of Bedford, I find that on January 12th, 1664, "Bishop Lyster, clericus," was instituted to the living of Totternhoe; on November 28th, 1668, he was succeeded by John Gardiner, on cession of "Bishop of Lyster." Can any one tell me who he was?

F. A. B.

WILLIAM HAULSEY, or HANSLEY, was a Bell founder of bells in Beds, Cambs, and Hunts. I am anxious to fix his head-quarters. His career was short, 1620—1630. *He* made, I believe, bells in that period, now remaining at Barton Le Cley, *Dunton*, *Edworth*, Melchbourne, Milton Bryant, Shillington, Staughton-Parva and Tillbrook (see North's "Ch. Bells of Beds"). And I am anxious to ascertain whether the Parish Registers of the above parishes or parish warden's account books give any particulars indicating the place where he lived or where such bells were cast.

T. M. N. OWEN, M.A., F.G.H.S.

Woodwalton Rectory, Peterborough, Feb. 25, 1890.



MANTEL-PIECE IN THE OLD MANOR-HOUSE
OF
GREAT BRAMINGHAM.

BEDFORDSHIRE NOTES AND QUERIES.

Great Bramingham.

THE old manor-house of Bramingham, Bramblehanger, or Bramhanger, now the farm-house of Great Bramingham, about three miles from Luton,* still contains an interesting relic of its manorial period in the shape of a carved oak mantelpiece (painted white), of which a representation is given in the frontispiece to this number. The figures over the mantelpiece are evidently those of Faith, Hope, and Charity; the dexter shield is that of Cheyne of Bramingham; the sinister, that of Pexsall of Beaurepaire, impaling Paulet. The former coat seems to be identical with the arms of Cheyne of Drayton Beauchamp, as they appear in the Bucks Visitation of 1566:—Quarterly 1 and 4, chequy Or and Az., a fess Gules fretty Erm.; 2 and 3, Or, a lion rampant Sa. Possibly, however, the lion rampant in the Bramingham shield is the Brocas lion erroneously quartered. A crescent is added to indicate that Cheyne of Bramingham is a younger branch of Cheyne of Drayton Beauchamp. The crest is a bear's head erased. In regard to the sinister shield, the Pexsall part of it presents no difficulty; it is simply Pexsall with the Brocas and De Roches quarterings. The crest is a Moor's head couped proper. The impalement is exceedingly crowded and obscure, but an heraldic friend has succeeded in identifying it with the Paulet coat.

The following genealogical facts will explain the juxtaposition of these two shields. Robert Cheyne, of Chesham Bois, Bucks, married in 1521 his second wife Mary Lock,

* The above estate, consisting of two farms called Great and Little Bramingham, was sold at the Mart, Tokenhouse Yard, London, on the 3rd of June, 1890, and was purchased by the trustees of the will of the late Sir Edward H. Page-Turner, Bart.—ED.

widow of John Lock, and daughter and one of the five co-heiresses of John Sylam, who died in 1513, seised of the manor of Bramblehanger and of other lands in Stretley and Sharpenhoe. To these Bedfordshire lands Thomas Cheyne, the son of this marriage, eventually succeeded, and died 30 Jan. 1553–4. Thomas, his son, was married at Ickenham, Middx., 9 Jan. 1577–8, to Frances, da. of Bernard Brocas, of Swakeley, Middx., afterwards of Beaurepaire, Hants, by Anne, da. and coh. of Sir Richard Pexsall (ob. 1571) by Lady Eleanor Paulet, da. of William, 1st Marquess of Winchester. Sir Richard Pexsall's mother was Edith, da. and sole h. of William Brocas, of Beaurepaire. Accordingly Sir Richard Pexsall would be entitled to quarter Brocas and impale Paulet.

For further particulars respecting the Cheynes of Bramingham, see *Beds N. and Q.*, vol. ii. pt. xv.

E. C.

Clergy List for Bedford Archdeaconry, 1605.

PART VI. (*Concluded from* p. 8.)

DUNSTABLE DEANERY.

Barton in Luto.—Parsonage propr. £25 9*s.* 7*d.* Patron, The King's Majestie. Incumbt. Sam. Fulk, M.A. Non-lic. 100 commts.

Baddlesden.—Parsonage propr. £12 9*s.* 7*d.* Sr. Edwd. Duncumb. Rd. Marsh, M.A. Non-lic. 62.

Caddington.—Pars. appr. endowed with a Vic. Vic. £9 19*s.* 10*d.* Dean & C. of S. Paul's. Rd. Roberts, B.A. (Mr. White). Lic. per Wickam Ep. Linc. 399.

Chalgrave.—Pars. appr. endowed with a Vic. Vic. £12. Nich. Potts, esq. John Bellamy, M.A. Lic. per Elmor Ep. Lond. 200.

Dunstable.—Parsonage.* (*blank.*) (*The King's Matie. May: 1681, ? 83). (*blank*) Richardson, B.A., curat. Non-lic. (*blank.*)

Eyton (*Bray**).—Parsonage appr. endowed wth. a Vic. Vic. £11 10*s.* 6½*d.* Trinitie Coll. Cambridge. John Houghton, M.A. Non-lic. 219.

Higham Goobian.—Pars. ppr. £8 9*s.* 7*d.* Sr. Henrie Boteler. Walter Gyles, B.A. (*blank*) 9.

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Hockliffe.—Pson. ppr. £16 9*s.* 7*d.* Mr. Sheapheard of Maulden (*or Mr. Gilpin). Thos. Benham, M.A. Lic. per Wickam Ep. Linc. 34.

Houghton Regis.—Pson. app. endowed with a Vic. Vic. £11 3*s.* 4*d.* The King's Matie. Roger Rogers. Noe graduat. (*blank*) 340.

Luton.—Pson. app. endowed with a Vic. Vic. £35 12*s.* 1*d.* The King's Matie. Edwd. Brocket, M.A. Non-lic. 1208.

Milton Brian.—Pson. ppr. £11 16*s.* 3*d.* The King's Matie. Thos. Collins, M.A.† (*Dr. Ballow). Lic. per Wickam Ep. Linc. 120.

Potsgrave.—Pson. ppr. £10 18*s.* 6½*d.* Sr. Edwd. Duncombe. John Raynes, M.A. Lic. per Wickam Ep. Linc. 44.

Streetley.—Pson. appr. endowed with a Vic. Vic. £6 15*s.* 2*d.* Geo. Coppin (crossed out) (*Thos. Harris, gen., Will. Harris ejus filius). Wm. Emes? (crossed out), M.A.‡ Non-lic. 60.

Studham.—Pson. app. endowed with a Vic. Vic. £18. (*blank.*) Thos. Dockin, B.A. (*blank*) 140.

Sondon.—Pson. appr. endowed with a Vic. Vic. £8 6*s.* 8*d.* Thos. Chenie, Esq. John Parkington, M A. (*Mr. Daye). Lic. per Arc. Cantuar. 140.

Tilsworth.—Pson. appr. endowed with a Vic. Vic. £8. Rd. ffouler, gent. John Lawson. Noe graduat. (*blank*) 96.

Toternehoe.—Pson. appr. endowed with a Vic. Vic. £10. Sam. Mitchell, gent. John Ward, B.A. (*Mr. ffarrington). (*blank*) 110.

Tuddington.—Pson. ppr. £29 2*s.* 11*d.* The Ladie Chenie. Rd. Neele, Buller (*sic*), D.D.§ (*blank*) 467.

Whipsnade.—Pson. ppr. £7 13*s.* 4*d.* The King's Matie. Nichs. Twisell, M.A. Non-lic. 42.

* Inserted in a later hand.
† Collins has also Brikhill Parva, Arch. Bucks.
‡ Emes? has also Harlington, Deanery of Fleet.
§ Buller has also Chesthunt, 20 miles distant.

All are marked "preacher" except Potsgrave and Luton: this latter (Luton) has "catechisett" instead.

All are marked "Qualification good," except Milton Brian, which is blank; and Streetley, which is "good. By the Lord Bartley," and Toddington, which is "By the King's Matie."

All are marked "Resident" except Toddington, which is "Non Res.," and Whipsnade, which is blank.

A. GIBBONS.

4, *Minster Yard, Lincoln.*

The Archdeacon of Bedford's Administration Act Books.

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The following extracts, up to 1618, are taken from the end of the MS. vol., reading backwards; they appear to be of the nature of memoranda with a view to keeping a record of fees received; those that follow are the records of the Court itself. Judging from the numerous cases in which the plaints are re-entered for hearing time after time, it would appear that the Court either had not the power of enforcing its processes, or else abstained from proceeding to extreme measures.

F. A. B.

18 ffeb. 1616.

Lin'a mat. Johi's Winche de Roxton rege in com. Hunt & Eliz: Barnardiston de Norhill. xj^{s} iiij^{d}

18 Martij 1616.

Test'um Thoma Ward, Vic. de Potton. iij^{s} x^{d}

Lice'tia mati. concesse Jo: davenport armig'ro et Eliz: Waller de eod. obligat' cu. Jo: davenport, Jo: waller pater Eliz: in 100^{li}. xj^{s} iiij^{d}

Citetur Thomas Wallis de hardmead quia solem'zavit matriom. tempore phibito, vizt. vppon shrove monday.

Citetur Mr. ffowler minister ib'm p smli.

Cit. Hugo Hunt de Clophill to shewe by what authority he teacheth schoole & practiseth phisick & to shew wher he was married, & for not frequenting the church.

Ampthill 30 Aprilis 1617.

Sequestrat' & relaxat' vic. de Sundon. xx^{s}

Certe'm Inducco'is M^{ri} Johnson. iij^{s}

Lin'a mati. Joh'nis Potts gen. & Eliz. Piggott de Gravenhurst. xj^{s}

Lin'a mati. Will: Duncombe & Anne Duncombe de Aspley. xj^{s}

Ampthill sexto maij 1617.

Testu'm Eliz: Power de vpper Gravenhurst. v^{s} iiij^{d}
Citetur Mr. Hewes de Risely ad ex'dum Lic'iam.
Comiss' pro dilac' Jur'm vid: Harding relic' mr'i Harding de Norhill. vj^{s} viij^{d}
Testu'm dci. M'ri Harding. v^{s} iiij^{d}
Lin'a mat. Robti. Charnock de Hulcott & Agnetis St. John de Bletsoe. xj^{s} iiij^{d}
M^{d} the fift of May 1617 was shewed an inhibicon of the Lord Bishopp of Lincoln bearing date the 7 of Aprill 1617 by which wee are inhibited from the third of May to the third of September next.

Ampthill Tertio Junij 1617.

Process' con' mru' Berridge de Shelton. xviij^{d}
Mr. Adkins Curat de Barton deb. ij^{s} pro admissione.
M^{d} lett the churchwardens of Elstow be cited after the 3 of September to make accompt of the legacye given by Curtis of Elstow to the pore.

Ampthill 17° Junij 1617.

Lr'e Testi'oales Tho: ffoxcrofte de Bedd. v^{s} 4^{d}
Lin'a Joh'is Hewes Clic. ad. deserv: Cure de Riseley. v^{s} 4^{d}
Dispens' pro tempore prohibit' concess. Joh'is Hawkins & Cather: Gray de Pertnall. xj^{s}

Ampthill primo Julij 1617.

Cit. Timotheus Mayes de Olney for living married to his vncles wife
Fiat Lin'a Rich'o Parker artiu' mag'ro ad deserv: Cure de Edworth vel Eyworth. v^{s} 4^{d}

Ampthill 29 Julij 1617.

M^{d} to seek at Bedford for a file of Wills of Barkshire for the yeare 1592 & to send it to Oving.

Ampthill 23° Septemb. 1617.

Inducc'o mr'i Beard at Rec. de Pertenhall. xiiij^{s} 8^{d}
Ad' bonor' Edmund' Mordant de Okeley. vj^{s} 4^{d}
Cit' primar' Edmund' Audley gen. de Roxton ad instaur' m'ri Wolstenholm. x^{d}
Inducc. Robt'i ffooks ad Vic. de Okeley cu. Cap: de Clopha'. xxix^{s} 4^{d}

Apud Bedd. 3° Octob: 1617.

Sequestrac'o Rec: de Aspley. x^{s}
Inducc'o Rec: pred. xiiij^{s} viij^{d}

Apud Ampthill 1° Octob: 1617.

Cer: Induc. Vic. de Luton. iij^{s} 4^{d}
Citetur Tho: Glenister for vsually sleeping in service tyme apud Ridgmont.

18 Novemb: 1617.

Cit. vx' Rich'i Ravens de Elstow for Churching her self the minister being at home.
Cit. m^{r}: Milward de Lidlington deserv: Cure de Cranfeeld.
Ad°: bo: Edmund' de Bolnhurst. vj^{s} 4^{d}
Citet'r Gabriell Morrill Vic. de Henlowe ad exh^{d}: testat. Joanne Gidding.
Cit. m^{r}: Weaver de Stotfold to knowe whoe Carried Clay vppon All Saynts Day

Ampthill xiiij° Januarij Ao. dn'i 1617.

Lin'a mri'oal con: Edolpho Andrewes et Dorotheae Tompson de Husborne Crawley. xj^{s} iiij^{d}
Lin'a mri'oal Henr: Beedle & Cather: Audley de Houghton conq. xj^{s} 4^{d}
Testat' Jane Marsh de Dunstable. v^{s} 4^{d}
Ad°: bo: Georgij Orlabeere de fflitton. vj^{s} 4^{d}

Ampthill 16 Decemb. 1617.

Lin'a mri'oal Joh'is Clark & Judithe Hawes de Bedd. xj^{s} 4^{d}
M^{d}: fiat Ad°: bo: Tho: Rolt de Wilden gen' def't con: Ag: Rolt filiae in die Sabbati prox:
Testat. Will'i Tapp de Bromha: x^{d}

Ampthill die Martij 27° Jan. 1617.

Lin'a mri'oal Symon Gale & Susanne Pigot de Gravenhurst. xj^{s} 4^{d}

Ampthill 23° ffebruarij 1617.

Dispens' con: pro temp'e prohibit' Rob'to ffaldo & Elizab Reeve de Bedd. v^{s}

Ampthill xxiiij° Martij 1617.

Lin'a mri'oal Will'i Raynusden & Elizab: Linford de Hawnes. xj^{s} ix^{d}
Lin'a mri'oal Rob'i Gould & Alice Orme de Bletsoe deb: xj^{s} 4^{d}
Testat' Joh'is Orme Rec. de Bletsoe. v^{s} 4^{d}
Ad°: bo: Edw: Hipwell de Pavenham. iiij^{s} x^{d}

Ampthill 14° April 1618.

Indux: Theodor: Crowley ad Vicaria' de Bedd. p'li. xiiij^{s}: 8^{d}

Ampthill die Martij—1616.

BLETSOE.—Offic' dni. *v.* Willm' Woodward for reading service & p'aching being in noe orders.

PERTNALL.—Offic. *v.* Richu' Todd ad proband test'um patris sui defunct.

KEYSOE.—Offic. *v.* M^ru^: St John ex^ndm^: testi Joanne St John defunct.

STONDON.—Offic. *v.* gard' ib'm: the Kinges armes are not sett vpp in the Church.

RIDGMONT.—Offic. *v.* gard' ib'm they have not a sufficient churche bible.

Ampthill die Martij viij^o^ Feb. 1616.

MILTON ERN'S.—Offic. *v.* Walteru' Griffin for setting his nettes & catching larks on a holliday.

Ampthill 18 Feb. 1616.

CARDINGTON.—Offic. *v.* Henricu' ffoster exec' testa'ti Tho: ffoster ad proband.

GRAVENHURST Sup.—Offic. *v.* mr'um Kitchener for not reading prayers vsually on wednesdayes & ffridayes.

LIDLINGTON.—Offic. *v.* Thoma Snagg, gen. det. pro non freq. Eccl'iam.

Ampthill 18 Nov. 1617.

CLOPHAM.—Offic. *v.* mr'um. Latimer for serving the cure w^th^out license.

GOULDINGTON.—Offic. *v.* Olieuru' Roberts, vic. ib'm det. for not wearing the surplisse vsuallie for not reading prayers on Wednesdayes & ffridayes & for wanting a hoode.

WILDEN.—Offic. *v.* Anna Smyth det. for throwing a basse after Sara Wagstaff in praier tyme 9th of November.

Ampthill 2 Dec. 1617.

ELNSTOW.—Offic. *v.* vx. Richi. Ravens for Churching herself. Emanavit com. & allegauit that she coming to the church to thanksgiving and the minister having warning overnight & not coming to Church accordinglie she did take the book of com'on prayer & read thanksgivin'g herself openlie in the Church vnde ——— cu. monic'oe dimisit.

Ampthill 16 Dec. 1617.

ELSTOW.—Offic. *v.* mr'um Bird vic. ib'm. for neglecting the Cure ther was noe seruice on Sonday was a fortnight.

Ampthill 10 Feb. 1617.

HOUGHTON CONQ.—Offic. *v.* poss'ioe bo: Richi Conquest Militis ad proband.
LUTON.—Offic. *v.* Eliz. Bird ad redd. Compt. bo. Tho. Bird.

Ampthill 10 Mar. 1617.

WOOTTON.—Offic. *v.* Poss. bo. Edmund Bray gen. ad proband.
GRAVENHURST.—Offic. *v.* Ex^res testa'ti mr'i Pigot ad proband.

(*To be continued.*)

Gleanings from Parish Registers.

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BEDFORD, S. PAUL.*

1701	Feb. 10	**Crofts**, Joan, wid., an antient woman, an hundred & two years old, bur.
,,	Mar. 15	**Wilks**, Mary, wife of Mr. Thomas, Alderman, bur.
,,	Sep. 21	**Dyar**, Ann, wid., bur.
,,	Oct. 3	**Beadles**, Mr. Matthew, bur.
1704	June 5	**Beadles**, Michael, s. of Tho., Grocer, & Jane, bur.
,,	June 6	**Wagstaff**, Mr. William, of Potton, draper, bur.
,,	Sep. 8	**Wagstaff**, Mary, d. of George, gent., & Maria, bapt.
,,	Dec. 31	**Faldo**, Frances, wife of William, gent., bur.
,,	Mar. 21	**Peck**, Eliz., d. of Mr. John, maior, & Anne, bapt.
1705	Apr. 30	**Manley**, William, gent., bur.
,,	May 3	**Beadles**, William, s. of Thos., grocer, & Jane, bur.
,,	July 31	**Wagstaffe**, Mr. George, Alderman, bur.
1706	May 20	**Wilks**, Edward, s. of Mr. Thos., Alderman, & Eliz., bapt.
,,	Feb. 20	**Beadles**, John, s. of Thomas, grocer, & Joane, bapt.
1707	July 8	**Wilks**, Eliz., d. of Tho., Alderman, & Eliz., bapt.
,,	Aug. 7	**Edwards**, Willm., s. of Willm., gent., & Anne, bapt.

* Extracts up to 1701 will be found in "Genealogia Bedfordiensis."

1707	Mar.	13	**Nicholls**, Willm., gent., bur.
1708	Dec.	28	**Edwards**, Anne, d. of William, gent., & Anne, bapt.
,,	Jan.	18	**Wilks**, Judith, d. of Mr. Thos., Alderman, and Eliz., bapt.
,,	Feb.	13	**Luke—ffoster**, Lancellot, & Mary, mar.
1709	May	10	**Beadles**, Jane, d. of Thos., grocer, & Jane, bapt.
,,	May	27	**Beadles**, Thomas, grocer, bur.
,,	June	28	**Beadles**, Jane, d. of Jane, wid., bur.
,,	Sep.	4	**Christie**, Anne, wid. of Thos., late of Bedford, Esq., bur.
1710	Nov.	19	**Wilks**, Eliz'th, wife of Mr. Thos., Alderman, bur.
1711	May	13	**Salusbury**, Mr. Thos., s. of Martha, ye wife of Alex. Leith, vic., bur.
,,	Dec.	25	**Pennington—Roberts**, Mr. John, of S. Pauls, & Eliz., mar. by lic.
1712	May	11	**Edwards**, Mary, d. of William, gent., and Anne, bapt.
,,	Dec.	22	**Brace**, Francis, gent., bur.
,,	July.	8	**Manley**, Mrs. Letitia, wid. bur.
1715	Sep.	9	**Hawes**, Mrs. Mary, of ye par. of S. Mary, wid., bur.
,,	Jan.	19	**Swan—Hale**, John, of Averslip, in com. Hunt., & Susan, of Potton, mar. by lic.
1717	June	22	**Paradine**, Mrs. Mary, wid., bur.
,,	July	21	**ffaldo**, Willm., s. of Martha, milliner, bur.
,,	Sep.	10	**Wilkes**, Anne, d. of Mr. Thos., junr., Cole-merchant, & Ann, bapt.
,,	Nov.	16	**Cobb**, Mrs. Mary, wid., bur.
,,	Jan.	1	**Faldo**, Mr. William, Alderman, bur.
1718	Aug.	4	**Wilks**, John, s. of Mr. Thos., junr., & Anne, bapt., bur. 28 Apr. 1719.
1719	Aug.	25	**Major—Nicholls**, John, & Damaris, of Ridge-mart, mar. by lic.
,,	Sep.	6	**Wilks**, Thos., s. of Mr. Thos., junr., & Anne, bapt.
,,	Mar.	4	**Pennington**, Mr. John, Attorney-at-law, bur.
1721	Jan.	17	**Wilks**, Mr. Thos. junr., mercht., bur.
,,	Mar.	6	**Anderson—Tysoe**, Mr. Edmond, of Eyworth, & Elizabeth, of ye sa., mar. by lic.
1722	June	12	**Stone—Drake**, Mr. Richard, of S. Paul's, Covent Garden, Middx., & Eliz. of Turvey, mar. by lic.
1723	Apr.	16	**Wilks**, Ann, d. of Anne, wid., bur.
,,	July	28	**Brace**, Mrs. Anne, wid., bur.
,,	Feb.	16	**Shelton—Conquest**, John, & Alice, both of this par., mar.

1727 June 12 **Boyle—Harris**, Robert, of Biggleswade, Esq., & Margaret, of Ampthill, mar. by lic.
1728 Aug. 3 **Rotheram—Farr**, Thomas, & Eliz., of Dunstable, mar. by lic.
,, Nov. 27 **Hawes—Wilkes**, Mr. Thos., & Mrs. Judith, both of this par., mar. by lic.
1729 June 19 **Potter**, Catherine, d. of Mr. Chas., Vic. of Cople, bur.
,, Dec. 3 **Hawes**, John, s. of Thomas, gent., & Judith, bapt.
,, Mar. 9 **Cave**, Eliz. d. of Thos., gent., coalmerchant, & Eliz., bapt. Bur. 11 Sep. 1730.
1730 Sep. 3 **Luke**, Elizabeth, a servant, bur.
,, Nov. 22 **Wilks**, Mr. Thomas, Alderman, bur.
,, Dec. 23 **Overay**, David, Esq., bur.
,, Jan. 15 **Hawes**, Thos., s. of Thos., gent., & Judith, bapt. Bur. 17th.
1731 Jan. 24 **Hawes**, Elizth. d. of Thos., merchant, & Judith, bapt. Bur. 30th.
1732 Oct. 14 **Leith**, Y^e Rev. Mr. Alex^r, vic. of this parish, bur.
,, Dec. 15 **Hawes**, Tho., s. of Mr. Tho., & Judith, bapt. Bur. 13 Feb.
1734 July 19 **Hawes**, Mary, d. of Tho., gent., & Judith, bapt.
1735 June 23 **Hawes**, Judith, d. of Mr. Tho., & Judith, bapt.
1736 July 5 **Hawes**, Judith, wife of Thos., gent., bur.
1737 July 1 **Bedford—Alston**, Mr. Arthur, Clerk of Cranfield, Batch^r, & Temperance, mar. by lic.
1738 Nov. 29 **Leith**, Mrs. Martha, wid., bur.
1740 Nov. 25 **Peck**, Mrs. Ann, wid., from Hemsted, bur.
,, Mar. 3 **Brace**, Mrs. Sarah, bur.
1741 Mar. 31 **Hawes**, Mr. Thomas, bur.
,, May 24 **Leith**, Margt., wife of Mr. Walter, of White Chappel, London, bur.
,, Dec. 7 **Leith**, Mr. Walter, of Whitechappell, London, bur.
1742 Apr. 11 **Conquest**, Eliz., d. of Willm., labourer, & Mary, bur.
,, July 22 **Garner—ffoster**, Thos., of Northill, Batch^r, & Ann, of Sandy, spr., mar.
,, Oct. 11 **Marchant—Hawes**, John, Batch^r, & Mary, wid., both of this par.
1747 Mar. 14 **Spenser**, Dowglas, singlewoman, bur.
1748 Oct. 25 **Pepiat**, John, gent., bur.
1752 Apr. 10 **Finch**, Charles, s. of Richard, gent., & Mary. bapt.
,, May 24 **Beadles**, Jane, wid., bur.
1753 Feb. 19 **Finch**, Richard, s. of Mr. Richard, bur.
1754 Apr. 16 **Smith—Hawes**, Rev. Mr. William, & Mrs. Mary, both of this par., mar. by lic.

1754	Aug.	24	**Finch**, Mary, wife of Richard, bur.
,,	Oct.	31	**Finch**, Sarah, d. of Richard, Town Clerk, bur.
,,	Jan.	18	**Gascoigne**, Mary, wife of Mark, bur.
1756	Sep.	1	**Gregory**, Elizabeth, wife of Dixey, gent., bur.
1758	July	25	**Gregory**, Sarah, d. of Dixey, gent., & Sarah, bapt.
1759	May	23	**Gregory**, Dixey, s. of Mr. Dixey, Attorney, & Sarah, bapt.
1761	Mar.	31	**Jessop**, Francis, Esq., bur.
1764	Mar.	31	**Hopley**, Rev. Mr. Richard, Rector of Turvey, bur.
,,	Dec.	18	**Cheney**, Elizabeth, bur.
1770	Oct.	18	**Belsham**, James, gent., bur.
,,	Oct.	26	**Belsham**, Samuel, gent., bur.
1771	Aug.	1	**St. John**, Henrietta, bur.
1772	Sep.	3	**St. John**, James, s. of Paulet & Penelope, bapt.
1780	Dec.	28	**Belsham**, Mrs. Ann, wid., bur.
1782	May	12	**Smith**, Rev. Mr. William, Vic. of S. Paul's, bur.
,,	Aug.	29	**Franklin**, Elizabeth, d. of Mr. John, at Wavendon, gent., bur.
1787	Jan.	14	**Lewis**, Thomas, Esq., from the P^sh^ of S. Cuthbert, bur.
1795	May	12	**Conquest—Duncombe**, George, & Elizabeth, mar. by lic.
1796	July	6	**Thompson**, Jno., gent., bur.
,,	Sep.	25	**Thompson—Crofts**, Robt., & Dorothy, mar. by lic.
,,	Dec.	6	**Finch**, Elizabeth, wife of Humphrey, bur.
1797	Aug.	3	**Theed**, Wm., Esq., bur.
,,	Mar.	7	**Belsham**, John, gent., bur.
1798	May	16	**Thompson**, Philip, s. of Robert & Dorothy, bapt. Born 9 Sep. 1797.
,,	Sep.	14	**Fitzhew**, Mary, d. of George, bapt.
1799	Nov.	27	**Thompson**, Charles, s. of Robt. & Dorothy, bapt. Born 19 Feb. 1798.
1801	Feb.	1	**Fitzhugh**, Susana, d. of George & Sarah, bapt.
,,	Feb.	13	**Thompson**, Elizth., d. of Robert & Dorothy, bapt. Born 10 Dec. 1800.
,,	Apr.	14	**Osborne—Rugeley**, Geo., & Elizth., mar. by lic.
,,	Oct.	12	**Impey—Christie**, Samuel, & Ann, mar. by lic.
1802	Jan.	16	**Hawes**, John, Esq., from the par. of Luton, bur.
,,	Aug.	23	**Nagle**, Edwd. James, Esq., from the par. of Sandy, bur.
1803	Apr.	30	**Payne**, Sr. John, bart., at the par. of Tempsford, bur.
,,	June	12	**Fitzhew**, George, s. of George & Sarah, bapt. Bur. 9 Sep.
,,	Nov.	13	**Thompson**, Anna Maria, d. of Robert & Dorothy, bapt.

1805	Apr.	5	**Fitchew**, Thomas, s. of George & Sarah, bapt. Born 5 Nov. 1804.
1806	Feb.	7	**Bedford**, Miss Mary, d. of Rev. Thos., of Hawnes, bur.
1807	May	6	**Fitchew**, George, s. of George & Mary, bapt.
,,	May	29	**Dawson**, Charles Percivall, son of John Thomas, of Loversall Park, Yorkshire, Esq., & Mary Higson Dawson, his wife, bapt. Privately bapt. 17 June, 1806.
1808	Apr.	27	**Nash — Addington**, George Peregrine, & Hannah, mar. by lic.
,,	July	31	**Tingey**, Elizabeth, wid., an Hundred & Two years old at Northill.
,,	Sep.	13	**Dawson**, Mary Caroline, d. of John Thomas, Esq., of Loversall Park, Yorkshire, & Mary Higson Dawson, his wife, bapt. Privately bapt. 4 Sep. 1807.

Gostwicke, of Willington.

(Continued from Vol. II. p. 191.)

In a previous number I gave a brief account of the monumental inscriptions, relating to this family, in Willington Church, and also abstracts of several wills, commencing with that of Robert Gostwike, capellanus, who was bur. at Bedford in 1541. Since writing the article I have discovered that he was Rector of Turvey, 1517–34; he was also presented to the Rectory of West-Horndon, co. Essex, by Sir John Mordaunt, and instituted 31 July, 1534; and on the 24th Dec. in the same year he was instituted to the Rectory of Ingatestone, in the same co., on the presentation of the Abbot and Convent of Barking. The last Baronet, Sir William, impoverished the estates by frequent election contests, and the Willington property was, in consequence, sold to Sarah, Duchess of Marlborough, in the year 1731, and the Baronetcy appears to have fallen into abeyance. It is said that this Sir William finding his property all gone, and hearing that there was a branch of the family settled in the West of England, went down into Devonshire and married Loveday Gostwick, heiress of her branch. By her he is said to have had a large family, but all the sons

GOSTWICK, OF WILLINGTON.

I.

Sir Wm. Gostwick, Bt. Bapt. 21 Aug. 1650. Bur. at Willington, 24 Jan. 1719, æt. 70. = Mary, d. of Sir Wm. Boteler, of Whatton Woodhall, m. there, 17 Sep. 1668. Ob. 1691.

- John, ob. v. p. Bur. 8 Mar. 1715 at Willington. = Martha, d. of Anth. Hammond, of Cambs, Esq.
  - Sir William, succ. his grandfather. Bur. at N. Tawton. 6 May, 1766. Will dated 1760. = Loveday (bapt. 18 Feb. 1727, at North Tawton), d. of Edw. and Margery Gostwick. Will dated 1786. Ob. 1786.
    - 6 daurs. surviving.
  - John, of Boston co. Linc. = Mary, eld. d. of Robt. Bell, of Bedford, Esq., and relict of John Throckmorton, of co. Bucks. Ob. 1769.
  - A da.
- William, ob. infans.
- Elizabeth, Mary, } ob. infs.
- Edw., 2 son of Sir Goddard Nelthorpe, Bt. = Anne, m. at Willington, 30 Aug. 1704.
  - Dorothy, bur. 1 May, 1714, at Willington, æt. 7.
  - William, bapt. 11 Sep. 1705, bur. 4 Aug. 1711 at Willington.

II.

- John Gostwick, gent., of North Tawton. = Loveday Bryant, m. Jan. 1689.
  - William, bapt. 18 Oct. 1690, m. Eliz. Sandowe in 1714. =
    - Loveday, bapt. 24 March, 1722.
    - Eliz. bapt. 20 Nov. 1724.
  - Loveday. bapt. 9 Oct. 1693, ux. W. Witheridge, m. 15 Jan. 1715.
  - Charles, bapt. 1696.
  - Edward, bapt. 1697. = Margery.
    - Loveday, bapt. 18 Feb. 1727, ux. Sir Wm. Gostwick.
    - Edward, bapt. 23 Feb. 1734. Bur. 6 Jan. 1782. = Eliz. Cole, m. 27 July, 1767. Bur. 9 March, 1797.
      - Edward, bapt. 5 Jan. 1769, bur. s.p. 18 Oct. 1797. Res. leg. under will of Dame Loveday G. his aunt
      - Elizabeth, bapt. 5 June 1771, m. Thos. Prideaux, gent. and had 3 children. 2 husb. John Goodridge, and had 8 children.
      - Mary, bapt. 23 Oct. 1772, ux. John Cary, gent. & had 10 children.
      - Margery, bapt. 12 May, 1774, ux. Hugh Cann, gent. and had 7 children.
      - Agnes, bapt. 11 April, 1776, ux. Josias Gard, gent., and had 4 children.
      - Loveday, bapt. 11 Jan. 1783, ux. John Jewell, gent., s.p.

died in his lifetime. His will, dated 16th Sep. 1760, appears to have been made before his marriage with Loveday Gostwick, for in it, he speaks of her as his "much respected and truly esteemed friend and relation." As the will was proved in 1766 by Dame Loveday Gostwick, his widow and sole executrix, it is clear he could not have had a numerous family, and none are mentioned in the will. The said Loveday Gostwick is therein described as da. of Mr. Edward Gostwick, late of Northampton, now of North Tawton, mercer and shopkeeper. I have not ascertained the relationship of the Devonshire branch to the main stem, but I append here two short pedigrees, compiled chiefly from memoranda supplied to me by a representative of the family through female descent. Perhaps some genealogist will be able to furnish the requisite information.

I should mention that one of the last named in the pedigree entered in the Visitation of 1566, is Roger Gostwyke, clk., parson of Sampford-Courtney, co. Devon, 1630, s. of Wm. Gostwike of Shefford, in this county; probably the Devonshire branch are descended from him.

F. A. B.

Fitzwilliam, of Kempston.

THE pedigree of this family as recorded in the "Visitation of Bedfordshire, 1566," ed. Harl. Soc., vol. xix. p. 29, has always been a puzzle to me. Comparing it with the pedigrees entered in the Visitations of Yorks, and Northants, it will be seen that there are discrepancies not easily to be accounted for. In the latter it is stated that Thomas Fitzwilliam sold Kempston, but I have not been able to discover anything further of this Thomas, either in the Registers of Kempston, or in any other record. In the "Visitation of Beds" he is stated to have m. Alice, d. of John Rufforde, of Edlesborough, co. Bucks, but there is no trace in the P. R. of this match, nor can I discover any record of the issue of this alliance as given in the above Visitation. The accompanying pedigree

shows the descent of the family from Humphrey Fitzwilliam and Anne, his wife, d. of Wm. Dallison.. It was

- Humphrey Fitzwilliam, of Clayworth, co. Notts, ob. 28 Oct. 1556, bur. at Clayworth. = Anne, d. of Wm. Dallison, of Laughton, co. Linc., bur. at Clayworth 30 June, 1558.
  - Humphrey Fitzwilliam of Kempston, co. Beds, 5th s. of above. Bur. at Kempston 17 June, 1604. = Eliz'th, d. of Sir John Hungerford, of Downe-Ampney, co. Glouc., Kt., ob. 21 May, bur. 25 of same, 1597, at Kempston.
    - Sir John Fitzwilliam, born 29 Sep., bapt. 5 Oct., 1579, at Kempston; Kt. 22 May, 1605; bur. at Blunham 5 Jan. 1631. = Jane, d. of Sir George Hyde, of Kingstons, co. Berks, K.B.
      - Humphrey, born 5 Sep., bapt. 21 of sa. 1617 at Kempston.
      - Roger, bur. at Elstow 4 Aug. 1624.
    - Lewis, bapt. at Kempston 24 Apr. 1583, bur. there 26 June, 1584.
      - Elenor, bur. 25 Nov. 1591.
      - William, of Kempston, gent. = Katherine Hide, m. 11 April, 1603, at Kempston.

not until I had seen Foster's "West Riding Pedigrees" that I was enabled to attach Humphrey Fitzwilliam, of Kempston, to the main stem. The manor or hamlet of Kempston-Hardwick does not appear to have been acquired by this family till about the period of James I., probably about the beginning of his reign, or at the end of Q. Elizabeth's reign. I have corrected the dates of burial of Humphrey Fitzwilliam, and Elizabeth, his wife, which Mr. Foster has inverted the order of. I should be glad to know if the Thomas Fitzwilliam, of Kempston, who m. Alice Rufforde (see "Visitation of Bedfordshire," 1566, p. 29) can be identified. Also, is anything known of the will of Sir John Fitzwilliam, Kt.? I have been unable to find any record of it.

F. A. B.

ABSTRACT OF WILL OF RICHARD GERY, OF BUSHMEAD.

12 May, 1638. Richard Gery of Bushmeade in par. Eaton Soken, co. Beds. Esq. To be bur. in Little Staughton Chancel near where my loving wife was bur. To the par. of Little Staughton £5, to par. of Eaton £10, to par. of Gt. Staughton 40*s*., to poor of Eynsbury £4. To Rich. Gery my 2nd s. £400 as soon as he attains the age of 26 years, and till that time the sum of £6 per ann. To 3rd s. George £900 when he shall attain the age of 26 years, and till that time the sum of £6 per ann. To Oliver, 4th s. £900 when he shall attain the age of 21. To 5th s. Thomas the sum of £800 when he shall attain the age of 21 years. To eld. d. Anne G. 2000 marks within 1 year of her marriage, or when she attains the age of 22 years; & until either of such events shall happen the sum of £40 per ann. To youngest d. Elizabeth 2000 marks within 1 year after her marriage, or when she attains the age of 22 years, with a yearly allowance of £40 per ann. Advises daurs. to be ruled in respect to their marriages by William their brother, testator's eld. son. In the event of either daur. dying her portion to go to eld. s. William. To daur. Gery £10 to buy her a diamond ring. To grandchild Katherine G. £20 for a piece of plate. To William & Richard G. my grandchildren £20 apiece to buy each of them a piece of plate. To brother Dr. Nicholls £20. To Cozine Anne Nicholls £10. To Cosine Joseph Nicholls & Henry Nicholls £5 apiece. To wife of my brother Wm. Gery 20*s*. to buy her a ring. To Richard, George, Oliver, & Thomas Gery, my 4 youngest sons, a yearly rentcharge of £40 apiece charged upon my lands in Eynsbury, S. Neots, Little Barford, Eaton & Wiboston, for their maintenance & education. To Richard Robyns, my auntient servant, a rentcharge of 40*s*. per ann. during his life, charged on aforesaid premises, also to have a house rent free and two good suits of apparel. Eld. s. William to pay all debts and legacies, bequeaths to him manor of Little Staughton with appurtenances, &c, also manors of Ensbury & Eaton, and all lands in Little Barford, St. Neots, Wiboston, Bolnhurst & Colmorth, also wood called Cadbury woods & Cadbury closes, and leaselands in Northamptonshire lately bought of Sr. Robt. Wingfield of Stampford, which last I appoint to be sold for the

payment of my debts; makes s. Wm. residuary legatee & appoints him sole exor. Robt. Bernard, Esq., brother William, & bro.-in-law Mr. Nicholas ffrancklyn, & Mr. John Spencer overseers, to whom he leaves £5 apiece and 20*s.* each to buy a ring. Signed in the presence of

ANNE GERY. WM. HEWETT.
A. FFRANCKLYN. RICH. ROBINS.
GEORGE GERY.

Pr. 14 June 1638 by Wm. Gery the exor.

Some Bedfordshire Wills.

Abstracted from the Original Wills, and certified copies, at the District Court of Probate, Northampton.

(CONTINUED FROM p. 30.)

WILLIAM CRAWLEY, the elder, of Sunning Lane end, Luton, yeoman, 7 Feb. 1626. To be bur. in Luton ch. so near to my wife as may be. To poor of Luton 40*s.*; to eld. s. Thomas dwelling house, &c. in south end of Luton; to s. John 3 pieces of arable land & 5 acres in Blackwater field; to s. Edward 5 acres of arable land in same field, wh. I lately purchased of John Crawley, late of Greathamsteed, decd., Also £40; to s. George 3 acres of arable land; to d. Sara 40*s.*; to the 4 children of my eld. s. Thos. 10*s.* apiece. Residue to 3 sons Edward, John, & George, in equal portions. Son John to be sole Exor. Pr. 29 July, 1626.

EDW. CRAWLEY, of Barton in Cley, yeoman, 28 May, 1627. To be bur. in Barton ch. To poor of Luton 40*s.*; to wife Agnes a house at Barton, remdr. to s. Richard; to eld. s. Thomas all houses, lands, etc., in Barton, Higham-Gobion, and Westhaye, also an annuity of £10; to s. John a house &c. in Pittlesthorne, co. Bucks, also £150; to s. Richard all his lands in Luton; to s. Edward £700; to da. Agnes £150; to Edw. s. of John Hill of Willington, gent., 20*s.* Residue to wife Agnes, sole extrix. Pr. 11 May, 1629.

THOMAS CRAWLEY, of Leagrave, yeoman, 16 June, 1634. To be bur. in par. ch. of Luton. To brother John C. £5, and to John his s. £5; to sister Ann C. £20; to Eliz'th, d. of William Day, £5; to Frances d. of John Winth [Winch] of Leagrave, £40; to my aunt [ ] 20*s.*; to poor of Luton £5; to brother Francis all my houses and lands at Shefford, &c. Appoints bro. Francis res. leg. & sole exor. (No probate attached.)

RICHARD CRAWLEY, of Harlington, Practitioner in Physick, 17 June, 1640. To my parents & the parents of my wife Rebecca & to our natural brethren and sisters 10*s.* ea. to buy rings; to wife Rebecca all lands in Harlington; appoints her res. leg. & sole extrix. Pr. 6 Oct. 1640.

[*Mem.*—There is a Harlington Crawley will a year or two before this, which I did not abstract.]

THOMAS CRAWLEY, of Dane St., Luton, yeoman, 22 Apr. 1637. To be bur. in Luton ch'yd. near to wife. To Mr. Bird, Vicar 10*s.* for funeral sermon; to eld. s. Thomas £20 at the rate of 40*s.* per ann.; to s. George lease of farm called Faulkeners Hall; to s. William £5 at the rate of 20*s.* per ann.; to daurs. Mary, Agnes, and Alice a piece of gold ea. of 22*s.*; to Thomas, William, Purratt, & John Crawley, sons of Thomas C., my grandchildren, 10*s.* apiece; to John & Mary C. the s. and d. of William C., also my grandchildren, 10*s.* apiece. Residue to s. John, sole exor. Pr. 10 Feb. 1637.

SAMUEL COCK, of Bedford, gent., nunc. will, 24 Mar. 1643. To Father & Mother 20*s.* ea. to buy rings, to brother Mr. Francis Clarke & his wife do., to Mr. Oliver Cokayne & his wife, do., she to have £5, to Mr. John Beaumont 20*s.* Residue to wife Elizabeth, sole extrix. Father, Mr. Roger Pitkin, bros. Mr. Fra. Clarke, & Mr. Ol. Cokayne to be overseers. Pr. 13 June, 1644.

JOHN CRAWLEY, the elder, of Stopsley, par. Luton, yeo., 10 Dec. 1644. To be bur. in par. ch. of Luton. To poor of L. 40*s.*, to minister of L. 10*s.*, to preach a funeral sermon. To d. Mary Piggott wife of Thomas P. £10, &c. To 5 children of Thos. Piggott—Francis, Mary, Thomas, John, & Eliz'th—£10 ea. To Mary, d. of Hen. Piggott, £10. Residue to s. John C., sole exor., to whom he gives all his lands, &c. whatsoever. Pr. 2 Aug. 1645.

THOMAS CRAWLEY, of Luton, gent., 20 Jan. 1646. To eld. s. Francis mess. or tent. in Gadsden Magna, co. Herts, also

Walsden wood, in Stopsley. To d. Eliz'th King a cabinet, & to goddaur. Eliz'th King one piece of my best plate, the rest to be equally divided among my children. To daurs. Dorothy and Sarah C. all my moveable goods and household stuff. To eld. s. Francis a cloak; to youngest s. Thomas, do. To d. Mary Lucas, living at Buckingham, £10 & to her 2 children by her 1st husb. £5 ea. To youngest s. Thomas all money now owing to me. Residue to s. Thomas, Sarah C., & Geo. Kinge of Luton, who m. my d. Elizabeth, in equal portions. Geo. King to be exor. Pr. 17 May 1647.

RAYNOLD COLLOP, of Flitwick, gent., 20 Jan. 1657. To eld. da. Mary, my dwelling house, lands, &c., near Roxax in Flitwick; 2nd d. Ann C. a water mill called Eaton Mill in Flitwick, & other lands; youngest d. Eliz'th, a cottage at churchend, and sundry other cottages. Residue to wife Elizabeth, & daurs. Mary, Ann, & Elizabeth, equally; appoints them joint exors. Pr. at London 18 Feb 1657, under £452 13*s.* 4*d.*

ANNE CHILD, of Poddington, wid., 23 Dec. 1658. To be bur. in chancel of par. ch. of P. To sister Elizabeth Potter £5; Robert s. of Robert Barcole £80; Richard, Thomas John & William sons of Robert Barcole £30 ea.; Richard, Francis, and John, sons of Humph. Child, & Elizth. his wife, £40 ea., & to Eliz'th their da. £50, and furniture; to da, Mary Child, £40; Margt. Houghton £40; William & Martha, children of William Houghton & Martha his wife, £20 ea.; Richard, s. of Will'm Harris, decd., Alice H., wid., Anne, d. of sd. Wm. H., decd., £40 each; to William, John, Thomas, Margerie and Margaret Harris, children of sd. William H. decd. £20 each.; William Child of Poddington 20*s.*; 20*s.* to Mr. Chatterton to preach funeral sermon; 20*s.* to John Laverocke minister of Puddington. Res. to Humph. Child, and Eliz'th his wife, exors. Appoints John Alston Esq., Geo. Orlebar junr., Esq., Anthony Potter gent., overseers. Pr. in P.C.C. 6 Oct. 1662, under £971 0*s.* 9*d.*

ROBERT CHILD, of Roxton, 19 Apr. 1660. To s. Thomas my house which was my father's, Wm. Childe's, situate in Roxton. To wife Amye 3 acres of land, bought of John Audley, for life, reversion to s. Thomas. To 3 sons William, George, & Robert, £20 each, & to da. Anne £50. Res. to wife Amye, sole extrix. Pr. 15 Dec. 1660.

ELIZABETH COLLOP, of Flitwick, wid., nunc. will., 10 May, 1660. To da. Mary C. £10; da. Ann. C. 40*s.* per

ann., to be paid her by my da. Elizth, yearly. To my godson, s. of my cousin Weedon, £3. Residue to da. Elizabeth, sole extrix. Pr. at London in P.C.C. 24 Sept. 1660, under £27 2*s.* 10*d.*

ANNE CRAWLEY, of Leagrave, 20 Aug. 1662. To Wm., Thos., & Francis sons of Thos. Pruddon, 40*s.* each; Rebecca Crawley d. of John C. £3; brother John Crawley 20*s.*; brother Francis C. all my lands in Leagrave; appoints him sole exor. Pr. — 1662.

WILLIAM CRAWLEY, of Milton Bryant, gent., 7 Aug. 1678. To wife Mary ½ my moveable goods for life; to granddaurs. Mary C. & Jane C., £20 each; to grandsons William C. £40, & Joseph C. £20. To John Durrant 20*s.*, Sister Amy 10*s.*, s. Thomas, his heirs & assigns my dwelling-house at M. B., & all lands belonging thereto. Residue to s. Thos., sole exor. Pr. 14 July 1680.

ANNE CRAWLEY, of Sumeris, in par. Luton spr., 8 Dec. 1681. To Dame Elizabeth, wife of Sir John Naper, of Luton Hoe, Bart., her heirs and ass., all that my mess. or tent. with the appurts. situate at Chilterne greene in par. Luton, and all my closes, pieces, and parcels of arr. land, & pasture ground, containing together 23 acres. To kinsman Jonathan Mastick & Mary M. his sister (grandchildren of Jane Feltus? my sister) 10*s.* ea. To Mrs. Sarah Bowser, my new feather bed & boulster. Residue to Sir John Napeir, sole exor. Pr. 16 May, 1687.

JOHN CRAWLEY, of Aspley Guise, 8 Mar. 1693. All my lands and estates to my only s. John & my wife Ann in equal shares. Pr. 20 Aug. 1693.

JOHN CARTER, of Ampthill, gent., 3 Nov. 1701. To brother William a house in Husborn-Crawley, a close of pasture, & 2 orchards, also 7 closes of arr. land, & a copse of wood of 8 acr. in Aspley Guise, &c., &c., all which premises were given me by John C., clerk, my late father, decd. My sd. brother Willm. to pay thereout to my sisters Mary C. £200, Kath., wife of Mr. Randolph Taylor, £50, & Eliz'th wife of Mr. Robert Perrott, £50. To poor of A. 50*s.* Residue to sd. bro. Wm., sole exor. Pr. 31 Jan. 1701.

RICHARD DECONS, of Marston, gent., 23 May, 1543. To be bur. within the church of Marston. Brothers Thomas & Francis Decons 100 marks due by the exors. of my lady Norton lately deceased. Ezabell my wife all lands, &c., in Reading, co. Berks, during her life, remainder

to s. Thomas and his heirs, in default to s. Richard. To wife the Rectory of Stoke Brewerne with the purtenances in co. Wilts, the manor of Nevells in the p'ish of Abbots Langley, co. Herts, remainder to s. Thomas & his heirs, in default to exors. Makes Elzabeth his wife & Francis his brother exors. Thomas Decons supervisor. Witnesses Mr. William Marshall priest, Dns. William Becket curate, &c. Proved 13 July, 1543.

JAMES DOVE, of Maldon, gent., 8 June, 1543. Wife Alice his lease of the Grange farm of Houghton, & other leases which I have of the house of Chicksands; also lease of house in chapel end which I hold of Henry Audeley, gent. Appoints exors. Alice his wife, brother William Wilborne, & brother Thomas Riche. Makes Sr. Thomas Coven, parson of the gildable of Houghton Conquest, overseer. Proved 12 Aug. 1543.

HENRY DUNCOMBE, of Tyscote, co. Herts, gent., 25 Feb. 1558. To be bur. in par. ch. of Masworth. To Tho. Blackhed, godson, £13 *6s. 8d.*, cousin Joane Nayler £3 *6s. 8d.*, cousin Margaret Duncombe £3 *6s. 8d.*, to John Duncombe of Wingrave £5. Sister Alice Blackhed, sister Margaret Moore. Wife Alice,* residue, also all lands in Betlowe, Tring, and Mawldwyke. To s. Henry, his lease of the manor farm of Tyskot, also manor of Somertons in Worthaston, co. Oxon, also pasture called Sowthlest in Worthaston. Appoints s. Henry, Thos. Blackhed, & Wm. Moore, his brethren, exors. Witnesses son Henry Duncombe, Marmaduke Claver, &c. Proved in P. C. C. —.

ROBERT DENTON, of Silsoe in Flitton, yeoman, 1 Nov. 1578. Joane his wife to receive issues and profits of leases and farm that he holds of the Earl of Kent until son Nicholas comes of age; bequest to dau. ——. Witnesses Nicholas Denton, of Barton, &c. No probate annexed.

JOANE DENTON, late wife of Robert, 28 June, 1580. To be bur. in churchyard of Flitton. Son Nicholas, d. Mary, to Richard, s. of Richard Milward, my son, a cow. To the da. of Elizabeth Woodward, my da., a bullock, Elizabeth Peare, my servant and cousin. Nicholas & Mary to be exors. Uncle Nicholas & John Ditchfield to be overseers. Proved 30 Sept. 1580.

NICHOLAS DENTON, of Silsoe, 14 Apr. 1583. I owe to Nicholas Denton, of Barton, £30 *17s. 0d.* To s. Rich. Denton lease of his house, Matthew D. a cow, & to

* He m. Alice, d. of Thos. Skipwith, of St. Albans.—H. xxii. 20.

Nicholas D. £10. Makes Richard Denton sole exor. Witnesses Thomas Faule vicar, &c. Old Nicholas Denton, uncle to sd. Nicholas, decd. No probate annexed.

JOHN DYER, of Eaton, co. Beds, husbandman, 1 July, 1605. All my lands in Gadsden parva, co. Herts, to my child now in the wombe of Catherine my wife after the decease of Robert D. my father, Agnes Dyer my mother, & Catherine my well-beloved wife. On failure of above, to William Maletrott [? Malcott], my sister Isabella's son. Residue to wife, whom he appoints extrix. Robert D. father, and Geo. Cocke bro.-in-law, to be overseers. Proved — Oct. 1605.

ANNE DENTON, of Barton, wid 20 Oct. 1609. To be bur. in Barton ch. To the poor of Barton £7, do. of Hexton 10*s*. To da. Ann Stiles £8, da. Alice Anscell £10, son Chr. Goldsmith's children 20*s*. apiece, son Mathew Denton's da., Anne D. 20*s*., bro. Edmond Crouch's children, Anne & Ursula C. 40*s*. apiece, & to his da. Eliz'th C. 2 white coffers. To sister Jane Samme's 3 daurs. who dwell at Sackeswell 20*s*. apiece, cos. Alice Davie and her da. 20*s*. apiece, Nicholas Knight & Daniel Brace 20*s*. apiece, Alice Crouch my servant 40*s*., Anye d. of Thomas Brace 20*s*., Anne Woodward's da. 6*s*. 8*d*., Joan Crouch her sister 3*s*. 4*d*., Bro. Chr. Crouch's 4 youngest children 3*s*. 4*d*. apiece, Jone Howsonne my s. Christopher Goldsmith's da. Residue to Chr. Goldsmith & Matthew Denton, her two sons, whom she makes exors. Pr. 9 Jan. 1609.

ROBERT DAY, of Bolnhurst, yeoman, 16 Mar. 1626. To sons Henry, John, Robert; daurs. Alice & Ann; sons Edward & Oliver 12*d*. apiece. Residue to wife Grace, sole extrix. Pr. 7 May, 1627.

JOHN DENBIGH, of Ridgmont, gent., 26 May, —. To wife Susan all goods & utensils of household stuff that was hers before marr., and £14 due me from Abraham Page. To daurs. Susan & Edee 12*d*. ea., they being provided for. Son Edwin D. my gray mare, &c.; grandchild John D. 80 sheep; da. Eliz'th 4 Darbyshire bullocks, & to Robert, Susan & Mary her daurs. (*sic*) a bullock ea. To grandchild Richard D. my silver tankard. Exor. to provide sister Joane Denbigh with meat, drink & apparel, &c., during her life. Residue to grandchild John D., sole exor. Pr. . . . 1686. (Will torn.)

JOHN DYAR, of Marston-Mortayne, gent., 26 May, 1686.

To nephew George D. £40, nephew William D. 12*d.*, kinswoman Martha Toms 12*d.*, kinsman Henry D. 12*d.*, 2 daurs. of sd. Wm. D. £5 ea., Eliz'th wife of Anthony Wilcoxe £10, Anthony Wilcoxe £10, Mary d. of Anthony Wilcock £10, John & William, sons of John Wheeler of Wroxhill in par. Marston £5 ea. To 2 of the children of William Toms of Cropridre, which he had by his last wife, £5 ea. Residue to Mary Phillips, wid., of Marston, sole extrix. Pr. 30 Oct. 1686.

JOHN DAVYES, of Bedford, Esq., 28 Dec. 1694. Recites Indenture tripartite, dated 9 July, 1680, made betw. William Boteler, of Biddenham, Esq., William Farrer, of the Inner Temple, Esq., & Edward Farrer, of Clement's Inn, Esq., of the 1st part, and himself by the name of John Davyes, of London, Esq., & Mary his wife of the 2nd part, and Christopher Hatton, of Triplow, co. Camb., gent., now Sir Christopher Hatton, Bart., Richard Orlebar, of Harrold, Esq., and William Manley, of Bedford, gent., of the 3rd part. Whereby the sd. W. & E. Farrer did release and confirm unto Chr. Hatton & Richard Orlebar all that capital messuage or mansion house at Goldington and certain closes belonging to his use. I here bequeath sd. mansion to sd. Wm. Farrer & Edw. Bourn, of Bedford, clk., to hold the same after dec. of Mary my wife, to sell & dispose of same, & thereout to pay to Abraham Bourn, of London, trunkmaker, £150 which I owe him on bond; to lay out £450 in the purchase of an estate for my grandson John, eld. s. of my s. Hatton Davyes. Paid to Elizabeth Ford my d. on her marr. £500 in full satisfaction of her share of £3550. Mentions dau. Anne. To Dame Bridget Hatton, of Huntingdon, Sir Chr. Hatton. of Long-Stanton, & his lady, Wm. Boteler, of Biddenham, & Elizabeth his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth, wife of Robert Lovett, of Liscombe, co. Bucks, & Mrs. Elizabeth Bradshaw, d. of sd. Mrs. Lovett, Mrs. Simons of Longshaw (or Longstow) in co. Camb., & Mrs. Bourn, wife of Mr. Edward B., of Bedford, a ring of 20*s.* each. To my sister Brilliana Davyes, Wm. Farrer, of Biddenham, Esq., & to Mr. Edw. Bourn, of Bedford, 20*s.* each for a ring. Residue to exors, Wm. Farrer & Edw. Bourn. Pr. 4 Apr. 1695. Seal, a chevron between 3 mullets of five points.

JOSEPH EVERARD, of Beeston-green, in Sandy, 23 Mar. 1677. To bro. John E., of Beeston-green, a meadow of 7 roods called Longlake in par. S. To nephew Lewis

Mordaunt, s. of my brother George M., of Upper Caldecot, in Northill, gent., & of Elizabeth his wife £50, remainder to nephew Charles M., his brother. To nephew Samuel Rix, s. of my bro. Henry Rix, of Newport Pond, co. Essex, gent., & of Mary his wife, £50, rem. to nephew, John R., his brother. Residue to bro. John, sole exor. Pr. 31 Dec. 1678.

SARAH EMERY, of Ampthill, spr. 8 Mar. 1691. To sister Eliz'th Emery all my lands & tents. in Wilshamstead for life, after her decease to my friends John Salamon, clk., Rect. of Meppershall, my kinsmen George Watson, clk., & Benjamin Norman, clk., Thos. Arnold, of Ampthill, junr., gent., Edward Hill, of Maulden, yeom., Thos. Harvey, junr., of A., grocer, in trust to dispose of one moiety for the schooling poor children of Ampthill, the other moiety to the sa. purpose for poor children of Meppershall. To Aunt Anne Norman, £10, Aunt Frances Watson, a broad piece of gold to buy a ring. Sister Eliz'th E. sole extrix. Pr. 13 Oct. 1692.

HESTER EVERARD, of Sandy, wid., 25 Oct. 1700. To friend George Fuller, of S., yeom., a tenement in Gamlingay, co. Camb., in trust to convey to Robert Jeakins for the sum of £50 17*s.* 0*d.*, such sum to be invested for benefit of my d. Mary, wife of Thomas Croot; remdr. to George, s. of Thomas & Mary Croot. Mentions John Croot, of Beeston, father of sd. Thos. Croot. Makes Rev. Jonathan Hooker, Robert Edwards, & George Fuller trustees. Pr. 31 Oct. 1700.

JOHN FALDO, of Maldon, & "John'a ux: mea una acensu ac una voluntate," make their last will 7 July 1501. To be bur. at Maulden. To s. Richard Faldo all lands & tenements, &c., in Maulden on condition of his paying William Faldo his brother £20. Appoints Richard Faldo & Thomas Hill exors. Alex. Kyrke, of Ampthill, to be supervisor. Witnesses John Smith par. priest, Alex. Kyrke, John Samwell, Simon Bird. Proved 10 Dec. 1501.

WILLS RELATING TO BEDFORDSHIRE.

THERE has recently been issued to subscribers the sixth volume of "Abstracts of Somersetshire Wills," edited by Mr. F. A. Crisp, from the MS. collections of the late Rev. F. Brown. These volumes must prove an invaluable aid,

not only to the Somersetshire genealogist, but also to genealogists in general, for they contain several abstracts of wills relating to other counties. In going through the series we have noted some abstracts relating to this county which we here reproduce, with notes in explanation. There are several more Taverner abstracts, but only three are here given. Of the abstracts relating to the Dyer family there are a considerable number: we give below three of them relating to the branch of this West of England family which settled at Great-Staughton and Colmworth.

F. A. B.

RICHARD TAVERNER, of Wood Eaton, co. Oxon, Esq. Will dated 15 June, 1575, proved 8 Aug. following, by the exors. [32 *Pickering.*] To be buried at Wood Eaton near Margaret, my late wife. My eldest son Richard Taverner. My wife Mary. To my daughters Martha £300, & Penelope £200. Residue to my three sons Peter, John, & Edmond Taverner, exors.—*4th series*, 85.

FRANCES TAVERNER, of Hexton, Herts, widow of Peter Taverner, Gent. Will dated 6 June, 1636, proved 9 Aug. 1636, by Francis Taverner. [93 *Pile.*] To be buried near my husband in St. Nicholas Chapel, Hexton. To my sons Francis & John Taverner, & my daughter Wyngate, £50 each. Francis Taverner to be exor.—*Ibid.*

FRANCIS TAVERNER, of Hexton, Herts, Esq., aged near 75. Will dated 19 August, 1651, proved 21 Nov. 1657, by his son Richard. [366 *Ruthen.*] To be buried at Hexton near my parents. My son Richard Taverner, exor. Residue to my wife, she to take care that my lands descend to my son.—*Ibid.*

DAME MARY ROLT,* widow of Sir Thomas Rolt, of Sacombe, Herts, Knt. Will dated 8 Oct. 1710, proved 7 May, 1716, by Edward Rolt. [106 *Fox.*] My daughter Constantia Ernle (*sic*). My son Edward Rolt. My daughter Stephens. My son Samuel Rolt. My daughter Mrs. Jane Calmady. Edward Bayntun Rolt, second son of Edward Rolt.—*4th series*, 120.

* She was m. at Hornsey, co. Middx, 18 July, 1685, to her husband, who was 3rd son of Edward Rolte, of Pertenhall, and ob 4 Apr. 1716, æt. 69. Edw. her son m. Anne, d. of Henry Bayntun, Esq., of Spye Park, co. Wilts. Constantia, her da., m. to John Kirle Emley, Esq., of Wheatham, co. Wilts. —ED.

MARY CRAWLEY,* of Northaw, Herts, widow. Will dated 12 June, 1699, proved 29 Nov. 1700, by John & Richard Crawley. [166 *Noel.*] To be buried in the Chapel of Luton, near my husband. Poor of Luton, & of Northaw £10 each. My brothers Jasper & Laurence Clutterbrooke, £10. My brother-in-law, Sir Edward Clarke, & my sister Mrs. Sandis, £10 each for mourning. My goddaughter Elizabeth Crawley 10 guineas. My daughter Bedford. My sons John & Richard Crawley, exors. Nov. 28, 1700, Ann Sandys, Spinster, & Margaret Sandys, Spinster, both of St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate, London, make affidavit to verify will.—*4th series*, 140.

* Widow of Francis Crawley, of Luton, Esq., and da. of Richard Clutterbuck, of London, merchant; she was bur. at Luton 13 June, 1700.

NICHOLAS LUKE,* of Woodend, co. Bed. Will dated 20 May, 1613, proved 9 July, 1614, by Sir Oliver Luke. [67 *Lawe.*] My son & heir Sir Oliver Luke. My 2nd son Thomas Luke. My eldest daughter Dame Ann Fleetwood, wife of Sir Miles Fleetwood, Receiver Gen[l]. of the Court of Wards. My daughter Judith & her husband John Cooke, esq. To my youngest daughter Katherine £800. My brother Sir John Luke, of Annables, Herts, Knt.—*5th series*, 41.

* He was eld. s. of John Luke, of Woodend, in par. Cople, by Anne, his wife, d and coh. of John Heming, of Arlesey, and was bur. at Cople 5 July, 1613.—H. xix. 197.—ED.

LADY MAUD LUKE,* widow of Sir Oliver Luke, of Hawnes, co. Bed. Will dated 20 Mar. 1655. Codicil 13 Aug. 1656. Proved 23 Sep. 1656, by Rich[d]. Edwards. [332 *Berkeley.*] To be buried at Copell with my husband. My nephew Henry Trenchard & my niece Frances Trenchard, £50 each. My cousin Catherine Edwards, £50. My cousin Richard Edwards. My daughter Jane Luke, £100, daughter of Sir Samuel Luke. To my son John Luke, houses, lands, &c.—*Ibid.*, 41.

* She was bur. at Cople 16 Aug. 1656. Her husband, Sir Oliver Luke, was returned, in 1640, to represent this county in the Long Parliament, but when he died I have not yet discovered. Can any one tell me who were the parents of Lady Maud Luke, and where her marriage to Sir Oliver Luke took place?—ED.

SIR RICHARD DYER,* of Great Stoughton, co. Hunt. Will dated 8 Dec. 1605. Codicil 9 Dec. 1605. Proved 12 Feb. 1605, by Sir Wm. Dyer. [6 *Stafford.*] A tomb to be set up in Great Stoughton Church in remembrance

of Sir James Dyer, sometime Lord Chief Justice of the Comm. Pleas, & Dame Margaret, his wife, sometime the wife of Sir Thos. Elliott, Knt., & of me Richard Dyer, Knt., & of Mary, my late wife, & £30 to be expended on the same. To my daughter Anne Dyer, £300 at age of 21, besides the Manor of Upton already assured to her. To my sister Frances Honnings, an annuity of £4 to be paid by my son, Sir William Dyer. To my sister Margaret Smith, 20 marks. My sons Francis, Richard, & Edward Dyer, all under 21. Residue to my son Sir William Dyer, Knt., Robert Naunton, esq., & Henry Lee, preacher of God's Word, exors.—*6th series*, 61.

* He was bur. at Great Staughton 18 Dec. 1605; Mary, his wife, da. of Sir Wm. Fitzwilliam, Knt., Lord Deputy of Ireland, was also there bur. 22 Oct. 1601. His da. Anne was the first wife of Sir Edward Carre, of Sleaford, co. Linc., Knt, and Bart., to whom mar. 11 Oct. 1637. Frances, his sister, mar. Henry, son of Wm. Huninges, of Carleton, co. Suff.—Ed.

Catherine Lady Dyer,* of Colmworth, co. Beds. Will dated 8 Oct. 1653, proved 20 Nov. 1655, by Sir Edward Cooke, Richard Dyer, & Serjt. Bernard. [460 *Aylett.*] To be buried at Colmworth, where I have erected a monument to my late husband, Sir William Dyer, & myself. My three daughters are married, and each have had £1500, duly raised by my care. My son Richard & his wife, settled at Colmworth. My son Doyley, settled at Hailworth. My son George. To each of my said three sons, £20. My daughter Wardour. My son-in-law Sir Edward Coke or Cooke. My cousin-german Serjt. Bernard. My daughters Ann & Mary. My sister Lady Harrington. My son Sir Lodowick Dyer.—*Ibid.*, 62.

* She was da. and coh. of John D'Oyley of Merton, co. Oxon, and was bur. at Colmworth 13 July, 1654. Of her three daurs., Anne m. Wm. Gery, of Bushmead Priory, Esq.; Cath. m. Sir Edward Coke, of Longford, co. Derby, Bart., m. at Colmworth 13 Jan. 1641; the 3rd da. m. ——?—Ed.

Sir Lewis Dyer,* of Colmworth, co. Bedf, Bart. Nuncupative Will, 26 Oct. 1669, proved 4 Feb. 1669. [18 *Penn.*] My nephews Richard Dyer & Doyley Dyer. William Dyer, eldest brother of Richard & Doyley. Ann Dyer.—*Ibid.*, 62.

* He mar. Elizabeth, da. of Sir Henry Yelverton, of Easton Mauduit, co. Northton, and had an only s. Henry, ob. infans 22 Sep. 1637. Sir Ludovic died and was bur. at Colmworth 15 Nov. 1669, when the Baronetcy, cr. 8 June, 1627, became extinct.

SIR WILLIAM BRIERS, OF PULLOXHILL, KT.

On page 86 of the "Visitations of Bedfordshire," vol. xix. of the Harleian Society's Publications, is a short pedigree of three generations of the Briers family, stated to have come out of Lancashire. The first who settled in this county was William Briers, of Salford (bur. 11 July, 1602*), who by Alice, his wife, daur. of — Frere (bur. 5 Aug. 1592*), was father of Sir William Briers, the subject of this article, and of John, bapt. 3 Sept. 1559,* Jane, bapt. 2 Apr. 1561, m. 27 Nov. 1591* to Richard Lynges or Kynge (both names occur in the Registers of Salford, under circumstances which suggest their being meant for the same person), Amy, bapt. 30 Oct. 1565. The same Registers also contain the following entries relating to this family:—

> "1564 Nov. 3 Amy Bryar. bur.
> 1569 Jan. 13 William Bryar & Anne Mulsoe, mar.
> 1657 Mar. 5 John Bryars & Lucia Cash, mar."

Sir William Briers was knighted at Whitehall 29 Apr. 1627; he was twice married, and by his first wife Anne, daur. of Noah Duckett, of Broughton Astley, co. Leic., appears to have acquired the manor of Upbury, in Pulloxhill, which he made his home. This manor was formerly held by a family named Fitz, some of whose monuments are still in the Church. How the Duckett family acquired the manor I have not been able to ascertain. Lady Anne was bur. 13 Oct. 1631.† About twelve years after he took for his second wife Arabella, daur. of Sir John Crofts, of Saxham, co. Suffolk, Kt. Sir John Crofts would appear to have been living at Toddington, a neighbouring parish, about this time, probably in the retinue of Thomas, Lord Wentworth, of Toddington manor, cr. Earl of Cleveland, whose first wife was Anne, daur. of Sir John Crofts, and sister to Lady Arabella. No doubt it was the influence of the Wentworth family which advanced the interests of Sir William Briers and procured his being knighted, for the family does not appear to have held any position in the County before this; his father, William, is described in the Registers of Salford as Bailiff of that place. Sir William died at the ripe old age of 84,‡ and was buried

* P.R. Salford. † P.R. Pulloxhill.

‡ In the P.R. of Salford is recorded the bapt. of William, son of William Bryer, 25 Mar. 1571. If this is the baptism of Sir William, which seems probable, it would make him only a little over 82 years of age.

in the Chancel of Pulloxhill, 7 June, 1653;* he does not seem to have had issue by either of his wives. His baptism does not appear to have been recorded in the Salford Registers, so he may have been born and possibly baptized at some other place. On the north wall of the Chancel is a handsome marble monument, with his bust, in relief, carved thereon, erected to his memory by his second wife, Lady Arabella, who died in London 5 June, 1662,* and was also buried on the 13th of the same month in the Chancel. The following is the inscription on his monument :—

"HERE LYETH THE BODY OF S^R WILLIAM BRYERS KNIGHT | DEPVTY LEIFTENANT OF Y^E SHEIRE FOR MANY YEARS TWICE | HIGH SHERIFFE & IVSTICE OF PEACE & QVORVM, 30 YEARES | TOGETHER WHOE HAVING DISCHARGED THES HIGH OFFICES | OF TRVST WITH SINGVLAR IVDGEMENT & INTEGRETY TO THE GREAT | BENEFIT OF HIS COVNTRY & HIS OWNE HONOVR DIED Y^E 28TH DAY OF | MAYE 1653 BEINGE AGED FOVRSCORE & FOWER, HEE WAS IN RELIGION TO | HIS GOD CONSTANT WITHOVT WAVERING TO HIS LAST END IN BEHAVIOVR | TOWARD ALL MEN AFFABLE TO HIS KINDRED BOVNTIFVLL, AND HARTYE | WITHOVT DISGVISES OR CEREMONYES IN HIS DEALINGS WITH Y^E WORLD | IVST AND PVNCTVAL BOTH IN WORD AND DEED HE LIVED AND DIED.

MIRVM INDVSTRIE & SVCCESSVS EXEMPLAR,

What fruits the Industry of youth and grothe
To riper yeares could in theire time bring forth
Hee reaped in plenty whose exemptar fame
Hath taught ye world how they may reap ye same
Knowledge both how to gouerne and obey
For wisdome tedd him hand in hand the way
Health of body, love of Freinds, releefe of poore,
The Goods of fortune, and of mind and more
Did all in him concur, And being soe blest
Hees now arriued att his Eternall rest,
In full assurance that; from earth and dust
Hee shall be raised to liue amongst the Iust.

Hee had two Wives ye first ANNE DVCKETT, in whose right he En- | ioyed the Mannor of Vpberry being the

* P.R. Pulloxhill.

place where he made his | constant aboad & wherein hee exercised the Indvstry of his yovth & | wisdom of his age, his second Wife was ARRABELLA CROFFTS one of the | Davghters of St John Cfoffts of Saxham in the Covnty of Svffolk, Kt. | who lived with him nineteen years and odd months and hath | since his death ovt of hir piovs and gratefvll affection towards | him erected this monvmen^t to his memory and desert."

On a brass plate affixed to the North wall of the Chancel is the following inscription :—

"HERE LIETH BVRIED THE | BODIE OF DAME ANN BRIERS | LATE WIFE VNTO S^R WILLIAM | BRIERS KNIGHT, WHO | DEPARTED THIS LIFE ON Y^E | 11TH DAIE OF OCTOBER 1631."

And on a flat stone beneath the Altar is this inscription relating to his second wife :—

"In hops of a joyfull resurrection Here lyeth ye body of Dame ARRABELLA BRYERS second wife of Sr. William Bryers of Pulloxhill in ye County of Bedford K^t and daughter of S^R JOHN CROFTES of Little Saxham in ye County of Suffolke K^t. She died a widdow ye 5th day of Iune in ye year of our Lord God 1662 being aged ? 57."

Above the Inscription are these arms on a lozenge:

Az. a chevron flory counter flory [erm.] between three mullets pierced [ar.]—BRIERS. [Or], three bulls' heads cabossed sa.—CROFTS, on the sinister side of another lozenge.

F. A. B.

DISCOVERY OF AN OLD ROMAN WELL.

Sir,—Through the kindness of Mr. Frederick W. Langley, Leagrave, Luton, who first called my attention to this discovery, and subsequently conveying me to the spot, I am able to relate the following facts. As the Midland Railway is being widened for the purpose of laying down more lines, a large quantity of earth has to be removed in the cutting of chalk, in the parish of Chalton. About two miles north of Leagrave is a bridge over the railway near to the Lime Kilns, and ninety yards south of this bridge,

and on the east side of the railway, the men came upon this old Roman well, which was forty feet deep. At the bottom they found three water bottles, one of which the men smashed; the other two I secured. They are of the kind known as "Upchurch ware," not quite perfect, but good specimens. Higher up in the same well, and at different distances, were found a large quantity of animal bones, some of which are in my possession.

April 17. F. W. CRICK.

Queries.

MARMADUKE CARTWRIGHT.—In the Register of Wicken, a village situated in the south of Northamptonshire, occurs the entry of the marriage of Marmaduke Cartwright, of Leighton Beaudesert, and Ann Gibbs, of Wicken, 1st March, 1711. Is anything known of these persons? What was their subsequent history?

C. H. M.

HARVEY OF ICKWELL BURY.—John Harvey, Esq., the first of this family that became possessed of the Ickwell Bury estates, is said to have married a "Mary Vassalf (or Vassal), widow." So far as I am aware no printed pedigree of Harvey gives any further particulars of this lady. I am desirous of learning her parentage. It is almost certain that her first husband was John Vassall, of London, Merchant, who was possessed of lands in the parish of Bedale, co. York, and whose will, in which he mentions "Mary Vassall my loving wife," is dated 29 Feb., 1664, and was proved on the 30th March, 1665. By this marriage she appears to have left no issue. John Vassall was eldest son of Samuel Vassall, M.P. for London in the Long Parliament — a well-known historical personage (*Vide* "Visitation of London," Harl. Soc. vol.). It is probable that Mary Vassall's youngest son Samuel, by her second husband, received his name after her first husband's father.

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Leigh, Lancashire.

BEDFORDSHIRE

NOTES AND QUERIES.

The Monumental Brasses of Bedfordshire.

"Find native graves upon the which, I trust,
Shall witness live in brass."
—*Shakespeare*, HEN. V. Act iv. Sc. iii.

THE facility with which perfect copies of these interesting relics of the past can be taken by means of the composition known as heel-ball, has induced many hundreds of persons, since the year 1780, to engage in the work of forming collections of what are termed rubbings. The lack of artistic skill being no detriment, all can enter upon the occupation with a feeling of certainty that the exercise of ordinary care will produce a perfectly faithful impression of the brass it is wished to copy. So common was the practice some forty years since that one could scarcely enter a country house or rectory without finding its library and passage walls hung with the black figures of long departed ecclesiastics and mail-clad warriors. To the taste thus fostered the study of archæology is indebted for many of its brightest and most learned followers. After a time, as is generally the case with everything that is new, the practice fell into comparative disuse, and little was heard of the doings of the band of brass collectors.

Now, the mania for so-called church restoration having brought to light many hitherto unknown memorials long hidden under pews, aided by the great change in public taste which now evinces a desire to cherish the memorials of the past, and to keep before our eyes the vestiges of times which are brought so vividly before us in no other way, has awakened all the former interest in these frequently really exquisite works of art, culminating in the formation of the "Cambridge University Association

of Brass Collectors," a society which has already done good service by bringing about the restoration of several brasses to the churches from which they had been stolen in past years, and whose great object is to compile and publish a complete list of the figures, shields, and inscriptions yet remaining in the still United Kingdom.

It is frequently asked, What can be the use of making a collection of such rubbings? The answer is obvious. That from no other source can we obtain so clear an insight into the costume of past ages; and if we apply ourselves to their study we escape the danger of falling into the utter inconsistency and confusion so prevalent among the artists and actors of a past generation. By the aid of the Monumental Brasses enshrined within the walls of many of our parish churches the Crusader who bled at Acre, the victors of Creçi and Poictiers, the conquerors at Agincourt, rise before us in a correct representation of the arms and armour they really used and wore. We can trace the gradual deterioration of armour through the leaders who strove in the Wars of the Roses to those who glittered on the Field of the Cloth of Gold. Then another series commences, and we see the cumbrous armour of the time of the first James give way to the sturdy buff jerkin and jack-boots of those who fell for the cause of England's murdered King, or the sad-coloured cloak and steeple hat of the rebel Puritan.

From the same sources also we are able to picture many a scene in which the priests of our early church bore so prominent a part: St. Thomas Becket as he defied King Henry at Woodstock, as he fell foully murdered before the little altar of St. Benedict at Canterbury, the Abbot of Suchaffray as he appeared when giving absolution to the Scottish army before the Battle of Bannockburn, Wolsey as he issued from his palace at Whitehall, Latimer as he preached at Paul's Cross, Laud as he walked to his death upon the scaffold. All these start up before us in no fancied or unreal costume. So too, the merchant of bygone centuries in his long, flowing, miniver-faced robe with rosary and gypciere or purse attached to its girdle, and his own particular sign or trade-mark represented beneath his feet will be added to our pictorial store, with the civilian gentleman and his lady in their appropriate gowns. And yet another and a fairer list remains—the queens of love and beauty at many a long-forgotten

passage of arms, whose names are now unknown, or merely recorded in the short memorial of a legendal brass. We can picture sovereigns who, like Margaret of Anjou, took up arms to defend the throne from rebels, for, at Shernebourne, in Norfolk, we find the effigy of Jemima de Cherney, the faithful friend and maid of honour to this unhappy Queen. She is habited in the sideless robe, and wears the curious horned head-dress, probably a facsimile of one worn by her Royal Mistress; or, like Philippa of Hainault, who, while her husband was engaged in Continental conquest, led an army to defend his kingdom against the Scotch invader.

These are ours to re-produce, to re-invest with what they doubtless would have considered no mean or unworthy subject of meditation and care—a correct costume. We know that during the reign of the third Edward changes in apparel were so frequent, and ornamentation so elaborately and expensively adopted, as to elicit an Act passed by Parliament for the curtailment of luxury in dress, and that in the subsequent reign of Richard II., extravagance of this description attained even greater proportions, as proved by the brasses of that period now existent.

Frequently the most curious and interesting brasses will be found in remote and out-of-the-way little churches; and an unknown Knight will perhaps mark the period of some change in defensive armour, and a nameless chantry priest may afford a better example of ecclesiastical vestments than the effigy of the rich and chronicled rector. The origin of this kind of monument may probably be found in the effigies of low relief common in the twelvth century, which may have been relinquished for flat plates from motives of convenience as they forming part of the pavement would be no obstacle or encumbrance. By this supposition it is evident that the beautiful canopies so often found in brasses are the retention of the architectural accessories to the figure in relief.

The art was by no means a new one, for metals had been long most successfully engraved for ornaments, etc., so that the monumental brasses are found to exhibit no rude beginnings, but on the contrary, may be said to have been in perfection at their first introduction, and to have slowly deteriorated at the close of the fifteenth century till they became utterly debased both in design and execution in the seventeenth.

The earliest Brass of which we have any record was in the church of St. Paul, Bedford, to Simon de Beauchamp, who died in A.D. 1208, but that no longer exists, though fortunately the inscription has been preserved by Weever in his "Funeral Monuments." At present the earliest *known* Brass is that of Sir John D'Abernon, A.D. 1277. Several brasses of an early date were apparently executed by the same artist, as great similarity in minute points is shown in them. For instance, the fine brasses commemorating Adam de Walsokne, 1349, and Robert Braunche, 1364, in the church of St. Margaret, King's Lynn, Norfolk; Alan Fleming, 1361, in the church of St. Mary Magdalene, Newark, with those of Abbot Thomas Delamere, at St. Albans, and the priests at Wensley, in Yorkshire, and at North Mimms in Hertfordshire, are undoubtedly from the hands of one and the same Flemish artist. England is now the only country in which they are found to any extent, the greater number being in the Eastern counties. This has been accounted for by the theory that they had been brought over from Flanders and chiefly used in the parts lying nearest the continent. Others have thought it to be in consequence of the greater wealth of the manufacturing districts; but such is not at all probable, as if that were the case costly altar-tombs of marble would have been used with figures sculptured out of the same material. The real cause was probably the scarcity of stone in that part of the Kingdom.

The counties in which the greatest number of brasses remain are Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex and Kent. They are numerous in Cambridgeshire, Northamptonshire, Bucks, Herts, Middlesex, Surrey and Sussex, but in the Western counties they are comparatively rare. There are very few in Gloucestershire, Worcestershire and Shropshire; while in Staffordshire there are scarcely any. In Wales not more than thirty remain. Glasgow Cathedral is said to contain the only Scottish example, and in Ireland there are two of late date in Dublin Cathedral. In this county they are to be found in the old churches of Ampthill, Aspley-Guise, Great Barford, Little Barford, Barton-in-the-Clay, St. Mary, and St. Paul, Bedford, Biddenham, Biggleswade, Blunham, Bromham, Caddington, Campton, Cardington, Clapham, Clifton, Colmworth, Cople, Cranfield, Dean, Dunstable, Eaton Bray, Eaton Socon, Elstow, Eyworth,

Farndish, Felmersham, Flitton, Goldington, Lower Gravehurst, Hatley Cockayne, Hawnes, Holwell, Houghton Conquest, Houghton Regis, Hulcote, Kempston, Langford, Leighton Buzzard, Lidlington, Luton, Marston Morteyne, Maulden, Mepshall, Pottesgrove, Puddington, Pulloxhill, Renhold, Roxton, Salford, Sutton, Sharnbrook, Shillington, Souldrop, Stagsden, Stevington, Thurleigh, Tilbrook, Tingreth, Toddington, Totternhoe, Turvey, Wilshampstead, Wimington, Yielden, with in all probability some others recently discovered, or little known.

Any information respecting unrecorded, or recent "finds" of figures, shields, inscriptions, or even fragments thereof would we are sure be gladly received by the Honorary Secretary of the C. U. A. B. C., at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge. On the continent they are found at Bruges, Aix-la-Chapelle, Meissen, and in some other parts of Germany; one at Seville in Spain; a few in Funchal Cathedral, Madeira. A very interesting one remains in Constance Cathedral, commemorating the English Bishop Hallum, who died in that city in 1416; it is of English workmanship. There are a few of the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries in Denmark. Revolutions have destroyed all that ever existed in France, and Italy has none. The study of these memorials, therefore, has a special claim on our interest as being peculiarly a national one.

But, unfortunately, England during the last few centuries has by no means escaped all plunder: if it had, there would hardly be a village church in this county without its ancient brasses, and our cathedrals would literally be paved with these glittering memorials. In the year 1612 the pavement of York Minster alone contained 120 brasses, and of these but one remains! Look at Westminster, and see how many lovely crosses and episcopal figures have been stolen. In Canterbury and Rochester Cathedrals not one remains. The despoiled slabs and vacant matrices in almost every church in this county tell us the wretched tale of a far too literal interpretation of the injunction of 1547 against superstitious inscriptions and the like, which were to be so utterly destroyed "that there should remain no memory of them in wall, glass windows, or elsewhere within churches." The common plaintive appeals "Orate pro anima," and "On whose soul Jesu have mercy," were held sufficient to doom them to destruction, excepting in some instances where family influence

was able to save them by the erasure of the obnoxious prayer. The churchwardens' account-books of this period literally teem with entries of sums received for "latten" or metal "of y^t which laye over the grave stones." The unhappy civil war of the seventeenth century, which transformed the very face of nature into a semblance of perpetual slaughter, and roused internecine conflicts in countless households has also much to answer for in this matter, the misguided zeal of the victorious Puritan unfortunately leading him in his ignorance to destroy gems of inestimable value, and urging him to the commission of acts at which his calmer judgment undoubtedly recoiled. Then again in the eighteenth century, when the church bells were so generally being recast, most assuredly came another sad period of plunder, hundreds of invaluable memorials being for "very greedinesse of metal" cast into the melting pot to save the pockets of the parishioners. In the early days of the present century apathy and wilful carelessness on the part of both clergy and churchwardens permitted the destruction and abstraction of innumerable fine brasses when the churches were undergoing repair; but in our time, fortunately, there has sprung up to a degree hitherto unprecedented a love of what is old, of what is beautiful, of what is venerable, which will for the future effectually protect these memorials of the dead.

Considered as works of art, the earlier brasses partake of the simplicity and religious feeling observable in the architecture of the period. In some cases the drawing may not be anatomically correct, but the drapery is usually deserving of high praise, and where chain-mail, or ornaments of a minute character, as on the apparels of priests at Totternhoe, Barton, and other places in the county, are employed, they are executed with such care that the labour expended must have been very great. The material of which they are made is that anciently called "latten," a hard mixed metal similar to that now used for taps. As there was no manufacture of brass plate in England till the year 1639, the "cullen" plate made at Cologne and in the Low Countries was probably used. But though the plate was of necessity imported, there is every reason to believe most of the brasses were engraved in England, there being a great difference between the workmanship of known English and Flemish

examples. We find on examination that the incised lines were filled with pitch, or some composition of a resinous character, either black or otherwise; thus the design was rendered more apparent. Shields of arms, the apparels of ecclesiastical vestments and official robes were very generally coloured, and accordingly we find the surface hatched in cross-lines. The pigment so frequently visible on brasses placed upon altar-tombs was a substance very similar to sealing-wax, and required coarse hatching for its reception. The colour was of course easily effaced by being trodden upon, and thus but few instances of coloured brasses remain. Sometimes, though rarely, the metal was burnished or gilt. In brasses, founders of churches, hospitals, or chantries are sometimes represented holding a model of the building in their hands; at Creak, in Norfolk, the resemblance even now is very apparent. Judges have a coif of fur on their heads. Notaries and schoolboys are represented with ink-horn and penner attached to their girdles—a fine example of the latter is at Little Ilford in Essex. Huntsmen are engraved with their sporting accessories. Unmarried ladies wear long hair flowing over the shoulders; widows are distinguished by a gorget under the chin, its height denoting the social status of the wearer; as in armour, so in dress, regulations were made and enforced for propriety as to differences in rank. The vestments of the clergy, so numerously represented in this county, consist of three varieties—the eucharistic, processional, and academic. Priests here, as elsewhere, are often represented holding a chalice with a consecrated wafer, bearing either a cross or the sacred monogram. In some few instances the figure of a chalice alone marks the last resting place of some good priest of olden time. Mitred abbots are distinguished from bishops either by holding the pastoral staff in the right hand and giving the benediction with the left, or by having it in the left hand with the crook turned inwards. Emaciated figures and skeletons, with or without winding sheets, are common, and were probably laid down during the lifetime of the person commemorated, to serve as a gentle reminder of their approaching dissolution. At Yielden, they are merely more or less shrouded emaciated figures, but some are very repulsive in their details, as at Oddington, in Oxfordshire, and are possibly of continental origin. Children are represented in groups

beneath their parents, the number in many instances is calculated to excite our astonishment and pity. Infants are frequently represented in swaddling clothes, but sometimes in cradles or beds. Ladies, especially those wearing the "butterfly" head-dress, wear much jewelry, the finger rings being very numerous, and the necklaces rich and large. Cushions are placed under the head of a lady, and the tilting helmet under those of the knights so frequently appearing in the churches of this county. Dogs are put beneath the feet of ladies, and sometimes have collars with bells attached; lions, and frequently dogs—emblems of courage and fidelity—beneath the soulières of their warrior husbands. The most beautiful and the rarest of all monuments are the cross brasses, common in the fourteenth century, that were formerly to be seen in the chancel of nearly every parish church in the county, covering the grave of at least one of its departed priests. In no case has the destroyer's zeal defeated its purpose more than in this, for by leaving the indented stones to show the extent of the devastation, they have roused up indignation against themselves and unfeigned admiration for those who designed and laid such charming memorials: fortunately one or two examples have escaped destruction.

Many brasses have been found to be engraved on both sides; these are termed palimpsests, and are probably spoilt plates, or portions of destroyed memorials turned and re-engraved for economical purposes. In many cases more modern inscriptions have been placed beneath figures of a much earlier date, demonstrating not only a robbery of the dead, but the perpetration of a fraud upon succeeding generations. These form a distinct class of palimpsest, and are sometimes difficult to detect, while in other instances the deliberate theft is patent to even a superficial observer. Some of the double and triple canopies common in this county, and dating from the fourteenth century, are very beautiful, and add greatly to the appearance and dignity of the composition in which they form so prominent a part, being full of elegant details and patterns of varying decorations. The earliest inscriptions, like that of the Beauchamp brass formerly in St. Paul's, Bedford, were composed of distinct capital letters running round the four sides of the stone slab, but these were soon displaced by narrow incised strips

of metal with, in the case of ecclesiastics, the Evangelistic emblems at the four corners; until about 1410 they were frequently in French, though Latin was generally used. The earliest instance of an English epitaph occurs in 1393.

Taken as a whole, the Monumental Brasses of Bedfordshire, rich as they are in knightly and ecclesiastical figures, compare very favourably in design and execution with those remaining in any part of the kingdom, and are well worthy of that loving care which it is the honour and privilege of our age to devote to those relics of olden time, which have been handed down to us among our most precious inheritances. We grieve at the present sad state of some in decay, suffering from the neglect of ages, or mutilated by ignorant improvers, yet we receive the trust as it has been handed down to us—a precious inheritance from remote generations; let it be our endeavour, as it is our privilege, to bequeath that inheritance to those who come after us in all its integrity, knowing we possess but a life interest therein. The county does indeed offer a wide field for the formation of an excellent and varied collection of rubbings, embracing nearly every grade in life, highly valuable for their historic associations and generally interesting. Long may the churchwardens and other legal custodians of these ancient and artistic memorials of the dead exercise their power and authority to preserve them *in situ* from desecration and injury, allowing, at the same time, reasonable and free access to the antiquary and student of history.

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Some Bedfordshire Wills.

Abstracted from the Original Wills, and certified copies, at the District Court of Probate, Northampton.

(Continued from p. 57.)

Elizabeth Fitzgeffray, widow, 7 Dec. 1532. To be bur. in the ch. of Thurleigh, upon the north side by my

husband. To eld. s. Edward, 2nd s. George, Katherine my da., Robert Sackefeld my son-in-law, my da. Bridgett, John, s. of Robert Sackefeld, Edmund Bendowe, Margaret Bendowe, Elizabeth Conell, sundry bequests. Residue to eld. s. Edward, sole exor. Witnesses Sr. Robert Shackefeld, Sir Edmund Bendoe, Sir John Gale, priests. Proved 10 Dec. 1532.

JOHN FITZGEFFRAY, of Crewkirs, in par. Barford, Esq., 17 Sept. 1534. To be bur. in par. ch. of Barford, before our lady altar. Mentions Elizabeth, mother-in-law. All lands in Barford, Renhold, & Ravensden for a priest to say mass and to sing for my soul for the space of 2 years. Residue to wife Jane, sole extrix. Sir Henry Gray, Knight, of his special goodness to be supervisor. Proved — day — month, 1535.

NICHOLAS FALDO, of Biddenham, 23 May, 1536. To be bur. in chyard of St. James, Biddenham. To William my son, Joane Faldo my d., & to John Faldo my s. 26*s.* 8*d.* apiece. To Mawde, my wife, my house in Bromham bridgend for her life, so that she remain unm. If she marry again, to s. William, with remainder to John & Joane in succession. Makes wife Mawde, s. William, & Sir Thomas Cowper, par. priest of Biddenham, exors. Proved 2 Aug. 1536.

ROBERT FALDO, of Biddenham, —— 1537. To be bur. in ch'yard of Biddenham. House and lands to wife Alice, whom he appoints extrix. Proved 10 Jan. 1537.

WILLIAM FALDO, of Oakley, 16 Apr. 1542. To be bur. in Oakley Ch. To s. Richard all lands whatsoever in co. Beds. Margaret my wife, da. Mary, grand-da. of Hen. Pycard, William my son. To Thomas my son the p'sonage of Oakley. Eliz'th my da. Appoints Sir John Wyan, Vicar of Oakley, wife Margaret, son Rich., & Thomas Gayle, exors. Proved 10 Dec. 1543.

ELIZABETH FALDO, widow, of Maulden, 8 March, 1540. To be bur. in chyard of Maulden. To the high altar in Maulden ch. 8*d.* Richard my son, Katherine my da. To William Faldow's four children 12*d.* apiece. Appoints s. Richard & Edmund Abbot exors. Witnesses William Tateham, curate, & others. Proved 12 Oct. 1549.

WILLIAM FALDO, of Bromham, husbandman, 21 Dec. 1561. Mentions son John Faldo, wife Elizabeth, whom he appoints extrix. John Faldo, brother, to be overseer. Proved —— 1563.

JOHN FALDO, of Sutton, gent., 28 Dec. 1579. To be bur. in par. ch. of Sutton. To Margery my wife, David & Robert my sons, all my goods & chattels. Appoints them exors. Mr. Burgoyne to be overseer. Proved 20 June, 1580.

THOMAS FOSTER, of Cardington, Cotton end, gent., 14 July, 1647. To be bur. in par. ch. of Cardington. All lands, &c., to Thos. F., Rowland my brother's son and his heirs male, in default to John, s. of my cozen John F., of Harroden, & his heirs male, in default to Henry F., of Scrattee, & his heirs. To sister Lawrence & her 2 sons, to sister Munn's children, and to Henry F., of Scrattee, £5 apiece; to my bro. Francklyne's child, £8. To poor of Cardington £5 yearly for ever out of Bates close in Cotton end, the Churchwardens & Overseers to distribute same. To 2 daurs. of my bro. Rowland, decd., £200 ea., to bro. John Winch my wife's best ring, to sister Coventry my wife's next best ring, &c., to cozen Cokayn, of Cotton end, 5*s.* to buy a ring, to cozen Swynny Asseldyne, of Marston, wid., £5, to Katherine, late wife to my bro. Rowland, £5; trustees to pay her £600 due from Captain Whitbread after decease of Lady Savage. Residue to exors. during minority of Thomas, s. of Rowland. Bro. Thomas Franklyn to be sole exor. Cozen Cockayne & bro. John Winch to be overseers. Witnesses John Cockayne, John Winch, Jo. Coventry. Pr. 21 Sept. 1647.

MARGARET FOUNTAYNE, wife of Thos. F., of Eaton Bray, yeoman, 17 May, 1658. To poor of Eaton B. £20; to kinsman Thomas Perkins, of Dunstable, £10; to Eliz'th Doggett, of Whipsnade, £5; to Sarah Crouch, wid., d. of above E. D., £5; to Anne Powell, da. of my first husband's brother, £10; to Mary Godman, £10; to Robert Barnes, £5; to godson William Howes, £5; goddaur. Mary Bury, £5; to Susan, my husband's da., wife of Bernard Collins, my black gown; to William Doggett, brother of my late husband, Francis Doggett, 3 acres of arr. land in Stanbridge; to John D., brother of sd. William Doggett, land in Stanbridge. Residue to husband, Thomas Fountain. Pr. 22 Dec. 1664.

JOHN FALDO, of Bedford, gent., alderman, 8 Oct. 1657. To be bur. in St. Mary's church, Bedford. Appoints bro. William sole exor. Recites that he has settled in jointure on wife Anne his dwelling-house at the Bridge foot in

High Street with all maltings and outbuildings, gives her also a cottage in Elstow, & a stall in the Tuesday market of Bedford & £150; after her death devises sd. premises to nephew William, eld. s. of his brother William for life & to his heirs, in default to John, 2nd s. of William. To nephew William all goods in my dwelling-house. Exor. within 6 years after testator's decease to lay out £2000 in land for the use of William F., junr. To nephew John F., £500; to nephew William F., grocer, £200; to each of the daurs. of my bro. William, £50; to brother William, farm buildings lately purchased by William Abbis, gent.; to brother Matthew F., all such sums as he owes me; to niece Mary Hewett, wid., d. of my bro. Rich. Faldo, decd., £5; to nephew Thomas Christie, £10; to 60 poor people of St. Paul's parish, to 30 poor people of St. Mary's parish, to 20 poor people of St. John's parish, to 20 poor people of St. Peter Martin's parish, to 20 poor people of St. Cuthbert's parish, 4*d.* apiece. Pr. 16 Jan. 1657. Admon. granted to Wm. Faldo. Pr. 16 Jan. 1681. Admon. granted to John Faldo, his grandson.

JOHN FOSTER, of Harrowden, in par. Cardington, nunc. will about 3 or 4 days before his death, wh. took place in March last past, did bequeath to his brother Charles F. £200, to his sister Elizabeth F. £100, to Theodore Underwood the elder, s. of Thos. U., of Bedford, £50; to Oliver Pymer? & Thomas Watts 40*s.* ea. All his lands and goods to Rebecca, his mother, whom he made sole extrix. Pr. 18 June, 1667. Admon. granted to Rebecca F.

LAURENCE FAIRECLOUGH, of Renhold, gen., 1 Oct. 1667. To be bur. near where my wife Rebecca is bur. To wife Elizabeth part of my lease of Salphobury, wherein I now live, and certain lands; to son Thomas £10; to son Richard £100; to Mr. Tennant, Minister of Ravensden, 20 nobles; to kinswoman Mary Honnor 20*s.* Residue to s. Laurence F. & my s. Paul Bamford, of Bedford, whom I appoint exors. Pr. 8 Feb. 1667. Admon. granted to Laurence F., Paul Bamford having renounced.

CHARLES FOSTER, of Harrowden, in Cardington, gent., 11 Mar. 1668. To mother Rebecca my manor of Fenlake Barnes for life, after her dec. to my sister Martha F. and her heirs for ever. To mother Rebecca all the rest of my lands whatsoever for life, she paying all debts and legacies; reversion to my 3 sisters Martha, Elizabeth, & Mary, and

their heirs for ever. To godson Edward Gascoigne £5. To the poor of the endshipps of Harrowden, Cotton, & Fenlake 20*s*. Residue to mother Rebecca, sole extrix. Pr. 4 May, 1669. Admon. granted to mother Rebecca.

ELIZABETH FAIRECLOUGH, late of Bedford, wid., nunc. will, 27 August, 1670. Bequeaths wearing apparel to Mary, wife of John Rennolds, of Bedford, glover; to Margaret, wife of Robert Langford, of Bedford, carpenter; and to Mary, wife of Thos. Skelton, of Bedford, baker. To Mr. John Bradshaw, to preach her funeral sermon, 20*s*. Residue, including £13 10*s*. due her from Lawrence F., her late decd. husband's son, she gave to Paul Bamford, of Bedford, mercer, and Elizabeth his wife. Pr. 3 Oct. 1670.

JERARD FRANKLEN, of Marston, yeoman, 12 July, 1681. To eld. s. Jarard, £100; 2nd s. William, £60; 3rd s. John, £60; 4th s. Mathias, £60; 5th da. Margaret F., £100; 6th s. James, £50; and 7th s. Henry, £50. To Thomas F., s. of my brother Thomas, £5; to wife Margaret "all the pullinge in the yearde." Residue to s. Thomas and his heirs; appoints s. Thos. sole exor. Pr. 30 June, 1683.

ESTWICK WILLIAM FREEMAN, of Stotfold, gent., 15 Aug. 1687. To Edward Phillip, of Stotfold, scrivener, £10; to poor of S. £5; to wife Jane all my houses, lands, & tenements. Appoints her residuary legatee and sole extrix. Pr. 8 Dec. 1687.

LUCY FALDO, of Biddenham, wid., 28 Dec. 1696. To grandson Thomas F. 4 acres of land in B., he paying thereout to my grandson John F. & to my granddaur. £10 ea. Son Thomas F. 20*s*.; makes him sole exor. Pr. 14 Feb. 1701.

MARY GALE, of Elstow, widow, 13 June, 1632. To be bur. in Elstow church near my mother. To brother John Andrew, a brass pot; to Alice Andrew, his wife, her best gown; to brother Robert Andrew, a warming-pan, and to Anne, his wife, wearing apparel; to John, s. of Lewis Latham, gent., her little box; to Mrs. Decons, two pewter candlesticks; to Mr. Bellie, her best chair; Residue to s. John Abbes. Brother John Andrew to be exor. Pr. 23 June, 1632.

THOMAS GAMBLE, of Pulloxhill, gent., 23 July, 1686. To s. John (by my wife Susan, d. of Thos. Beale, of Hertford, gent.) all that my messuage with appurts. in P. & closes of pasture. To eld. s. Thomas land at Higham

Gobion. Residue to s. Thomas, sole exor. Appoints friend William Helder, of Offley, gent., & father-in-law, Thomas Beale, overseers. Pr. 16 Apr. 1692.

ELIZABETH HUNT, widow, of Roxton, 7 March, 1519. To be bur. in ch. yard of Roxton, at the E. end, by my son. Mentions Edward Hunt, Roger Hunt, Gregory Hunt, Thomas Hunt, Christian Fisher. To da. Mary, late wife of Roger Hunt, disposition of all my moveable goods within the manor of Chalversterne. Appoints d. Mary Hunt, Thomas Hunt, & Roger Hunt exors. "Also I will that all such goods as I have bequeathed to Roger Hunt, to Gregory and to Edward after my decease be in the custody of my daughter their mother until they be of age." Proved 17 Aug. 1521.

JOHN HARDING, the elder, of Aspley, 29 Oct. 1530. To be bur. in ch. yard of Aspley. To Robert, s. of John Harding, a house at Little Brickhill; to William, s. of John Harding, a house at Little Brickhill; to Ellen Estamforth and her heirs, a house in Husborne Crawley; with remainder to her brother Henry Estamforth, in default to my s. John Harding; to John Harding, the younger, my sonne's son, a copyhold in Little Brickhill of iiij nobles a year. Dau. Lucy. Residue to s. John, whom he appoints exor. Sir Richard Birche, vicar of Husband Crawley, overseer. Witnesses, Sir Ric. Birche, Robert Hunt, John Potts. No probate annexed.

THOMAS HUNT, of Chalversterne, gent., 6 Sept. 1546. To be bur. in the chancel ende where my father and mother were buried. To 5 children, Thomas, da. Saxborowe, Roger, Anne, & Barbara, 5 marks each. Residue to exors., viz.: wife Alice, s. William, & brother Roger. Witnesses, Mgr. Thomas Harvey & Thomas Hunt. Proved . . . . 1546.

JOHN HILL, of Silsoe, 9 Oct. 1546. To be bur. in par. ch. of Flitton. To Alice, my wife, my manor called Ragons, for life; remainder to Edward my s. & his heirs male, according unto the last will of Thomas my father; to wife messuage in Malden; also to s. Edward certain lands in Malden lately purchased of Frances Morgan, gent.; sons William, Thomas, Edmond, George; to da. Jane, £20; Residue to wife Alice, sole extrix.; John Colbeck and Edward Gostwicke, gent., to be supervisors. Witnesses, Edward Danyell, gent., Thomas Hill, &c. Proved 15 Nov. 1546.

WILLIAM HITCHE, of Kempston, 15 June, 1551. To be bur. in ch'yard of Kempston. To wife Alice, house standing at Kempston Hardwick, with all lands, meadows, pastures, &c.; after her decease to eldest da. Ellen. To wife Alice his house at Green end, "wh. I hold of Mr. Astrie"; after her decease to 2nd da. Alice. To da. Christian £3 6*s.* 8*d.* Appoints wife Alice & father-in-law, Thomas Newold, exors. Sir John Dewe, Vicar of Kempston, to be supervisor. Witnesses, Roger Allen, Austin Hitche, &c. Proved 23 March, 1586.

EDWARD HUNT, of Chalverston, in par. Roxton, Clerke, 9 May, 1557. To be bur. in Roxton ch'yard, where his father & mother were bur. To the high altar of Roxton, 2*d.* Mentions brother Roger Hunt, cousins Will'm Hunt, Joane Hunt, and Roger Hunt. Mentions Richard, Joane, Robert & Richard Chessame, also Alice, Edward, & William Chessame; godsons Edward Cooper, Edward Hoovey, cousin Thomas Hunt. Appoints brother Roger, & cousin William Hunt, exors. Proved 15 June, 1557.

ALICE HUNT, of Chalverstone, widow, late wife of Thomas Hunt, gent., dec., 12 Jan. 1559. To be bur. in Roxton ch. yard by my husband. To Will'm H., her son, her house at Maldon. Mentions da. Jane Hunt, cousins Joan Hunt, Margaret H., Marie H., Da. Eliz'th Temple, cousins William Temple, Thomas Temple, Marie Temple, Amy Temple, Eliz'th Temple, Henry Temple, William King, godson, Thomas Hunt, Joan Hunt, the younger. Appoints s. Will'm Hunt and d. Elizabeth Temple, exors. Son-in-law Thomas Kyng, supervisor. Witness, John Colbeck the elder, Robert Colbeck, Will'm Hunt. Codicil dated 8 March, 1559. Proved 22 Mar. 1559.

EDWARD HILL, of Silsoe, 27 June, 1584. To my 4 children — Edward, Henry, Elizabeth and George — £40 apiece. Mentions brother Thomas, Thos. Fawley, vicar, brother Michael Hill, William Hill. Residue to wife Judith, sole extrix. Witnesses Richard Bowlley, gent., Steven Daniell, gent., John Hill, Tho. Hill, Thos. Fawley, vic. Brothers John & Thomas Hill, & Peter Richardson to be supervisors. Summa Inventia £298 11*s.* 4*d.* Proved 22 Oct. 1584.

GEORGE HILL, of Silsoe, yeoman [no date]. To be bur. in par. ch. of Flitton. Third part of all his goods to wife Mary; to s. Peter H., lands and tenements unbequeathed;

to daurs. Mary and Alice Hill and to s. Giles Hill, £20 each; to s. Edward, of Maulden, 20*s*. Appoints wife Mary and s. Edward exors. Pr. 12 May, 1612.

WILLIAM HARDING, of Elstow, yeoman, 25 Oct. 1634. To bro. Richard & Ann his wife a cottage at Elstow. To wife Anne 8½ acres of land, also dwelling-house in Elstow, lately purchased of Michael Dimock, gent. Mentions niece Ann Allotson, d. of my bro. Wm. Allotson, and sister Elizabeth Harding. To Mary, wife of Edward Bray, of Cardington, 20*s*., and to godchild, William Silbie, 40*s*. Residue to wife Ann, sole extrix. No probate.

JOHN HILL, of Stanfordbury, in Southill, gent., 20 Oct., 1642. To be bur. in Southill ch. near 1st wife Alice. To wife Elizabeth £40, and to mother Eme Raymonte, 40*s*. per ann.; to eld. d. Alice H., £320; 2nd d. Mary H., £300; 3rd d. Philadelphia H., £280; to youngest s. Jonathan H., £700; son Edw. to be exor.; brothers Edward H. & Edw. Crawley to be guardians. To the 4 children of my wife, John, Henry, Edward and Katherine Barnewell, 20*s*. apiece. To Mr. Taylor, clk., vic. of Southill, 40*s*. Residue to s. Edw., sole exor. Brothers William and Edward Hill, and brothers Richard and Edward Crawley to be overseers. Codicil—To sister Joane Randall, 40*s*.; and to her s. John, my godchild, 20*s*. Brother Thomas Hill, 20*s*.; and to Eme Hill, his d., my goddaur., 20*s*. No probate.

HENRY HUNT, of Woburn, gent., nunc. will, *c*. Dec. 1662. To 2 children of his brother Thomas H. all his estate. Sworn 8 Sept. 1663.

HENRY HALE, of Shillington, gent., 14 Dec. 1654, To repair of S. ch. 20*s*. & to poor of S. 40*s*. To children of brother Simon H. an ewe apiece; to Mary d. of my bro. Simon, my silver cup. Residue to Master Thomas Hale, my father, sole exor. Pr. 28 Jan. 1630.

RICHARD HELDER, al's Spicer, of Little Staughton, gent., 24 Feb. 1668. To eld. s. Richard my college lease & all free lands to him and his heirs for ever. To da. Anne Stocker 12*d*., da. Dorothy £80 & furniture, s. John £80, da. Elizabeth £70, s. Robert £60, and to sons William, Walter, and Oliver £70 apiece. Residue to s. Richard, sole exor. Pr. 15 May, 1669.

JOHN HAWKES, of Elstow, gent.* To wife Katherine, land in White fryers, near Fleet St., London, and lands in

* This will is imperfect.

Northill. To daurs. Elizabeth and Frances, £300 each. Having recd. £60 with George Crayford, my apprentice, £40 thereof to be repaid him. To Mr. John Beecher. Mentions 2 daurs. Alice and Katherine. . . . if Alice m. — Barnardiston, who renounces. Pr. 26 May, 1670 (Will & Cod.) Admon. granted to widow Catherine (codicil of Alice Barnardiston, wid.) & to Arthur Jordan, exors. Seal 3 bends,—a chief vair.

RICHARD HILL, of Maulden, yeoman, 23 June, 1675. All my stock and goods whatsoever, except household goods, to be sold by Edward Hill & William Milward, both of Maulden, proceeds to be applied as under. Three youngest children to have £40 ea., son Thomas to be apprenticed. To wife Elizabeth for life a cottage in Maulden. Son John to be sole exor. To da. Alice £30. Pr. 6 July, 1675.

THOMAS HALE, of Everton, gen., 10 Dec. 1681. To sons Thos., George, & John £5 ea., and to s. William 1*s.* To da. Rowneinge a feather bed, &c. To my son Wood's 2 children by my daur. 5*s.* ea., and himself 1*s.* Residue to s. George, sole exor. Pr. 13 May, 1682.

THOMAS HILL, of Litlington, gent., 29 Apr. 1696. To brother Edward H., of Maulden, and my cozen William Parker, of Eversholt, 21 acr. of arr. land in Grundon field, Heyden field and Westwood field in par. L., and Field close containing 9 acres in trust for my s. Thomas Hill. To d. Anne H., £200, charged upon Great Close containing 15 acres. Son Thos. to be sole exor. Pr. 19 Dec. 1696.

WILLIAM IREMONGER, of Ampthill, gent., 3 Jan. 1662. To William Wheelowes, of Gayton, co. Southton., gent., and to John Mansell, of ? *Stoughtoatford*, in co. Bucks., gent., my uncles, all that mess. or tent: in which I now dwell in Ampthill, & also all other lands in A. & Maulden, and windmill in Stanbridge, also all his lands in co. North'ton. Upon trust within eight years after my dec. to sell & to pay to Martha, Judith, Margaret, & Frances Iremonger, my natural sisters, & Thomas, Humphrey & John Iremonger, my natural brothers, equally to be divided amongst them. To wife Frances all my plate. Pr. 18 July, 1665.

WILLIAM JOYE, of Salphoburie, 14 July, 1581. To wife Joane all his leases & farms of Salphoburie for life during her widowhood except the furthest part of the laysure next Styrtilend, also except the two bradfeilds

next to Salphoende, after the young William Joye's lease is ended. To son-in-law William Cleyton & Elizabeth Cleyton all my copieholds called Hilles al's Arrundells, with Cannons close & the two Bradfeilds. To da. Joane £80, if she marry with her mother's consent, if otherwise or she die unm. to remain to my children's children, i.e. to the children of William Cleyton £30, to William s. of Robert Smith £10, residue to other children of Robt. Smith equally & the children of Paul Pecke. Makes wife Joane, & son-in-law Paul Pecke, exors. Robert Smith & William Cleyton to be overseers. To William s. of Robert Smith, of Thurleigh, a house on the hillside at Ravensden, where William Cleyton now dwelleth; to Mr. Legge, curate of Reynold; 20*s.*; to Paul Peck, son-in-law, the mansion house or the bury-steede of Salphobury, with all the houses, closes, meadows, feedings, arable lands, sheep-gates, commons, water rings, & tithes, &c. Mentions William, s. of Paul Peck, god-daughter Hester Cleyton. Pr. 23 March, 1586.

JOHN JOHNSONNE, Vicar of Eaton, 27 Sept. 1581. To cousin William Johnson a bed, &c.; to sister Ellen Greene, 2 milch cows; to the poorest householders in Mydleton where I was born 6*s.* To Thomas Vaux 40*s.*; to cousin Thomas Johnson 40*s.* Residue of all his goods to be sold & the proceeds distributed amongst the children of John Cook, which he had by his cousin Margaret decd.; the children of my brother Richard; the children of Simon Maline; the children of Nicholas Taylor, &c., &c. Makes Thomas Taylor, clerk., p'son of Drayton p'slowe, & William Moore, of Eaton, overseers. Pr. 26 July, 1583.

WILLIAM JOHNSON, of Biddenham, gent., 18 July, 1617. To Katherine, d. of Edw. Johnson, my dec'd brother, now the wife of John Stockton, 2 messuages & tenements in town of Bedford; remdr. to Sara, another d. of sd. bro. Edward. To Mary, wife of Valentine Coburne, of London, taylor, da. of my sister Alice dec'd., £40, and to her s. Thomas £5. To my good Mrs. Ursula Boteler, £10; to Sir Thomas B., her eld. s., £5; to my lady his wife, £5; and to William B., their eld. s., £10; to all their other children £5 apiece. To Mr. Oliver B., 2nd s. of my sd. Mrs., £20; to Katherine, wife of John Kynnersley, d. of my s^d^. Mrs., £5. To Eliz'th, youngest da. of my s^d^. Mrs., and wife of Richard Taylor, Esq., £5; to s^d^. Richard T., £5. To Frances, wife of William Newton, of Biddenham,

gent., £5, and to William N., their eld. s., his cottage & land in Biddenham. To Robert Ewleston, of London, gent., 50*s*. William Newton to be sole exor. To be bur. in Bidd. chancel. Rich'd Taylor to be overseer. Pr. 17 Jan. 1623.

WILLIAM JOY, of Bedford, gent., 22 July, 1676. To brother Richard J., £50. All lands in Bedford, Cardington, and Kempston, after dec. of myself & wife, to s^d^. brother Richard, he paying yearly thereout to his s. William Joy £8 per ann. Residue to wife, sole extrix. Pr. 23 July, 1696.

THOMAS LILLINGSTONE, of Millbrook, [no date] 1543. To be bur. in ch'yard of Millbrook. To Richard my son, Agnes my da., William my s., John my s., Jone my da., Thos. my s., George my s., & Edward my s. 20*s*. apiece. Residue to wife Agnes, whom he appoints extrix. with John Lyllingston. Pr. 11 Jan. 1543.

GEORGE LILLINGSTONE, of Millbrook, 11 Apr. 1559. To be bur. in ch'yard of S. Michael of Millbrook. Mentions John eld. s., Annis d., William s., Jone younger d., Jone elder d., John, s. of Thomas Hill, s.-in-law, to whom sundry small bequests. Residue to wife Jane. William Lillingstone, of Litlington, & John Lillinsgton, eld. s., to be exors. Pr. 24 Sept. 1561.

JOHN LILLINGSTONE, of Millbrooke, 3 Aug. 1559. To Lions Lillingstone, godson, s. & h. of his s. William, £20 10*s*. 3*d*., in golde, & £10 in silver. To daurs. of his s. Will'm, viz. Elizabeth & Agnes £6 13*s*. 4*d*. ea. John, s. of his brother George Lillingstone. To Marian Hill, d. of bro. George L., 20*s*. Residue to s. William, whom he appoints exor. Pr. at Ampthill 3 Apr. 1560.

WILLIAM LEACH, of Felmersham, nunc. will, 27 Feb. 1615. To my 6 children £30, to be equally divided amongst them, 3 sons & 3 daurs. Makes wife sole extrix. Pr. 23 Mar. 1615.

HUMPHREY LAYTON, of Harrold, gent., 18 Jan. 1621. To wife Joane 20*s*. a year for life. To sister Mrs. Martha Farrer 6*s*. to buy a ring; to friend Sir Thomas Boteler, & Lady Anne his wife, 20*s*. apiece to buy them rings. To s. William L. my best cloak, and to each of his children 20*s*. apiece. To brother Thomas Farrer's children 12*d*. apiece, & to Mr. Paule, Vicar, 3*s*. 4*d*. To cousin Mr. William Farrer his s. 12*d*. Residue to Lady Anne Boteler, whom he appoints extrix. Pr. at Bromham 6 May, 1623.

MARY LANE (of S. Paul's), relict of Joseph Lane, formerly of London, gent., dec^d. 11 Nov. 1637. To sister Elizabeth £10, and to the 3 children of my s^d. sister—William, Francis, & Thomas Lane £10 ea. To daur.-in-law Jane Lane £20, & the profits of houses in Hounsditch London, for 2 years. To cosen Ursula Child £20, and to cosens Mary Paly & Tho. Paley £5 ea. To Alexander Bouskil 40*s.*; to Tho. Jey, of London, 40*s.*; to brother Lane £5; to Mr. Daniel Goldsmyth 10 pieces; to Mrs. Collier, of Bedd. S. Peter, 5*s.* Father-in-law, Francis Banister, Dr. of Physick, to be sole exor., to whom residue. Pr. 22 Nov. 1637.

Gleanings from Parish Registers.

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EXTRACTS FROM THE REGISTERS OF GREAT BRICKHILL, CO. BUCKS, RELATING TO BEDFORDSHIRE FAMILIES.

1559	Nov.	30	**Saunders—Deverell**, Thomas, & Katherine, m.
,,	Sep.	20	**Duncumbe**, Marye, bur.
,,	Feb.	25	**Saunders**, Thomas, the younger, bur.
1560	Sep.	29	**Saunders**, Thomas, bapt.
1561	Dec.	21	**Duncombe**, William, bapt.
1562	Feb.	20	**Duncombe**, Francis, s. of Thomas, gent., bapt.
1563	May	24	**Duncombe—Conquest**, Roger, gent., & Cicely, m.
1565	Apr.	20	**Duncumbe**, William, s. of Thomas, bapt.
1574	Jan.	11	**Fawkner—Duncumbe**, Richard, & Alice, m.
1582	Sep.	17	**Andrewes—Duncombe**, John, gent., & Suzan, m.
1587	Dec.	28	**Duncumbe**, Isabell, wife of Thos., bur.
1588	Mar.	17	**Beake—Duncumbe**, Thos., & Anne, m.
1589	Nov.	3	**Saunders**, Elizabeth, d. of William, bapt.
,,	Dec.	18	**Duncumbe—Nurse**, Thomas, & Agnes, m.
1590	Apr.	1	**Dyer**, Alice, d. of Richard, bapt.
1591	Aug.	17	**Saunders**, W'm., s. of W'm., bapt.
1592	Feb.	25	**Saunders**, Thomas, s. of W'm., bapt.
1594	Mar.	5	**Duncumbe**, Marye, bapt.
,,	,,	9	**Saunders**, Richard, s. of William, bapt.
1595	Apr.	10	**Duncumbe**, Katherine, d. of John, ,,
,,	Feb.	5	**Duncumbe**, Thomas, bur.
1596	Jan.	6	**Duncumbe**, Francis, s. of John, bapt.
1598	Apr.	30	**Duncumbe**, Dorothee, d. of ,, ,,
1599	Sep.	30	**Duncumbe**, Bennet, s. of ,, ,,

1600	Nov.	24	**Saunders—Paine**, Thomas, & Ellen, m.
1602	May	16	**Saunders**, Joane, d. of Thomas, the younger, bapt.
,,	Jan.	26	**Saunders**, Thomas, bur.
1603	Mar.	27	**Duncumbe**, George, s. of John, bapt.
,,	Oct.	23	**Saunders—Taylor**, Francis, & Thomazin, m.
,,	Aug.	17	**Duncumbe**, Bennet, s. of John, bur.
,,	Sep.	14	**Combe—Saunders**, Gilbert, & Joane, m.
1604	May	13	**Saunders**, Richard, s. of Thomas, bapt.
1606	Aug.	17	**Sanders**, Catherine, d. of ,, ,,
,,	Jan.	25	**Sanders**, Elizabeth, d. of Francis, ,, bur. 7 May, 1607.
1608	Mar.	25	**Saunders**, William, s. of ,, ,,
,,	May	24	**Saunders**, Thomas, an infant, bur.
1609	Oct.	1	**Bunnion**, Dorothy, d. of Rob't., bapt.
1610	Dec.	5	**Cobb—Duncumbe**, Paule, gent., & Mrs. Katherine, m.
,,	May	23	**Saunders**, Elizabeth, d. of Thomas, bapt.
1611	Mar.	30	**Saunders**, Nicholas, s. of Francis, ,,
1612	June	27	**Saunders**, Katherine, widow, bur.
,,	Jan.	10	**Bunnion**, an infant of Robert, bur.
1616	Mar.	13	**Saunders**, Elizabeth, d. of Francis, ,,
1617	May	10	**Bunnion**, Anne, d. of Robert, ,,
,,	June	14	**Saunders**, Thomazin, d. of Francis, bur.
1623	Feb.	9	**Meade—Saunders**, Robert, & Alice, m.
1631	Dec.	12	**Parry**, W'm., s. of the R^t Rev. Father in God, William, Lord Bishopp of St. Asaph, bur.
1634	June	19	**Bunnion**, William, bur.
1642	Mar.	27	**Duncombe**, John, s. of John, Esq., & Phillis, born.
1650	July	12	**Duncombe**, Lucie, d. of ,, ,, ,, ,,
1651	Aug.	1	**Duncombe**, Joane, d. of ,, ,, ,, ,,
1655	Nov.	25	**Duncombe**, Phillis, d. of ,, ,, ,, ,,
,,	Aug.	—	**Sanders—Bush**, Francis, & Susan, m.
1656	May	6	**Duncombe**, John, Esq., ob. 5th, bur.
1657	July	12	**Duncombe**, Phillis, d. of John, bur.
1658	May	1	**Massingberd**, Robert, gent. ,,
1659	Jan.	1	**Duncombe**, Phillis, wife of John, bur.
1662	,,	21	**Sanders**, Edward, s. of W'm. & Anne, bapt.
1665	,,	6	**Cox—Sanders**, John, & Anne, m.
1668	Sep.	12	**Saunders**, Sarah, d. of W'm. & Anne, bapt.
1670	Nov.	10	**Austin—Duncombe**, John, gent., & Mrs. Mary, m.
1674	Jan.	21	**Saunders**, William, bur.
1684	Mar.	22	**Sanders**, John, ,,
1685	Mar.	11	**Duncombe**, John, Esq., bur.
1686	Sep.	4	**Duncombe**, Mrs. Susanna, widow, relict of John, bur.
1687	Nov.	7	**Duncombe**, John, bur.
1698	Jan.	1	**Sanders**, widow, bur.

1700	Jan.	16	**Duncombe**, Mrs. Joanna, bur.
1708	Oct.	14	**Barton—Duncombe**, John, & Mary, m.
1710	Feb.	26	**Barton**, Samuel, s. of John, Clerk, born 10th, bapt.
1717	May	1	**Barton**, Philip, s. of ,, ,, ,, Apr. 10, bapt.
1720	Oct.	14	**Chase—Duncombe**, Stephen, M.D., of ye parish of St. Andrew's Holborn, & Mrs. Philip, m.
1723	May	15	**Saunders**, Thos., s. of Thos. & Mary, bapt.
,,	Nov.	7	**Saunders—Sheffield**, Francis, & Eliz'th., m.
1724	Aug.	29	**Saunders**, James, s. of Francis & Eliz., bapt.
1725	Sep.	30	**Saunders**, Elizabeth, d. of ,, ,, ,,
,,	Dec.	4	**Saunders**, James, s. of ,, ,, bur.
1727	,,	6	**Saunders**, Ann, d. of ,, ,, bapt.
1728	Aug.	9	**Duncomb**, Mrs. Bridget, bur.
1733	Mar.	28	**Saunders**, Sarah, d. of Francis & Eliz., bapt.
1734	Feb.	17	**Saunders—Salisbury**, Francis, sojourner, & —m.
1735	Apr.	27	**Saunders**, Hannah, d. of Francis & Eliz., bapt.
1736	Sep.	22	**Saunders**, Jane, d. of Francis & Eliz., bapt.
,,	Apr.	13	**Saunders**, Hannah, d. of ,, ,, bur.
1737	Oct.	26	**Barton**, Duncombe, s. of John, Rector, ,,
1738	Mar.	26	**Saunders**, Martha, d. of Francis, & Eliz., bapt.
,,	May	2	**Saunders**, Jane, d. of ,, ,, bur.
1739	July	15	**Saunders**, Hannah, d. of ,, ,, bapt.
,,	Oct.	4	**Saunders**, ,, d. of ,, ,, bur.
,,	Apr.	21	**Duncomb—Lawson**, William, & Sarah, m.
1740	Oct.	26	**Saunders**, John, s. of Francis & Eliz., bapt.
,,	Jan.	18	**Saunders**, John, s. of ,, ,, bur.
1741	Apr.	26	**Duncombe**, W'm., s. of William & Sarah, bapt.
,,	Jan.	13	**Chase**, Stephen, M.D., one of the Lords of the Manor, bur.
1742	May	27	**Duncombe**, Elizabeth, d. of W'm. & Sarah, bapt.
,,	,,	3	**Duncomb**, W'm., s. of W'm., bur.
,,	Nov.	19	**Gilpin**, Mary, wife of Benj., gent., bur.
1743	Oct.	5	**Duncombe**, Sarah, d. of W'm. & Sarah, bapt.
,,	Apr.	1	**Gilpin**, Benjamin, gent., bur.
,,	May	15	**Mayo**, Charity, d. of Mary, bur.
1746	June	1	**Duncomb**, W'm., s. of W'm. & Sarah, bapt.
1747	Mar.	1	**Duncomb**, W'm., s. of W'm., bur.
1748	July	17	**Duncombe**, Hannah, d. of Will. & Sarah, bapt.
1750	Dec.	16	**Duncombe**, John, s. of ,, ,, ,,
1753	Sep.	24	**Saunders—Cosier**, Francis, & Ann, m.
,,	Feb.	15	**Sheffield—Saunders**, John, & Mary, m.
1755	Nov.	2	**Saunders**, Francis, bur.
1769	Sep.	5	**Duncombe**, Hannah, bur.

Monumental Inscriptions.

UNDER this heading it is proposed to give from time to time a selection of Monumental Inscriptions from the various Churches of the Archdeaconry which have not hitherto appeared in print. As many have been printed in the two previous volumes of this work, reference should be made to them by those interested. Nearly all of them have been carefully copied by the Editor from the originals, and every care has been taken to ensure accuracy and to preserve all peculiarities, etc. The Editor will at all times be glad to receive copies of any that have recently come to light, in the course of church restoration or otherwise.

ASPLEY GUISE.

(N. Aisle, Purbeck slab on floor.)

Here lyes interred the Body of | Sr Edward SADLEIR Baronet third | son of Sr Edward Sadleir late of | Temple Dinsley in ye County of Hertford | Baronet and Grandson of Thomas | Sadleir Esquire heretofore of this | place lineally descended from Sr | Ralph Sadleir of Standon in the | said County of Hertford Banneret | he dyed the 14th day of July Anno | Dom̃: 1719 in ye 58th yeare of his Age.

(Eng. on copper framed in alabaster; in Chancel.)

ES MIHI MORS LVCRVM.

Subjacet Inclvsvs GULIELMUS STONUS in urna; | Cui Natale solum Norfolcia uillaq' Burnham, | Oceanum iuxta non ampla stirpe creatus, | Veste Magisterij quem Cantabridgia cinxit. | Sederat hic Hyemes Decies ter quincq' peractas, | Septuaginta duos vitae compleuerat annos. | Cum tria Iacobvs moderasset lustra Britannos; | Spe certa fidens virtutę resurgere Christi; | Et cum cœlicolis Æternam ducere uitam.

ARLESEY.

SAMUEL BROWNE eques auratus | Vnus è Iusticiarijs Communium placitorum | Et Elizabetha vxor ejus amica societate et placidâ | Qua via erunt, quiete hinc recumbunt et obdormiunt: | Ille juris et aequi et simul consultissimus: | In legis apicibus versatissimus, & tamen pacis amantior. | Plurimas enim lites magnis impensis senescentes | Fœlici utrinque successa sæpissime sopiuit & extinxit: | In causis audiendis utraq' pars patientem, | Nec minus in dijudicandis

sensit integrum. | Illa pia, modesta, mitis, atq' adeo omni virtute | Quae aut Vxorem, aut Matrem deceat, insignita. | Vtrosq' vltimus dies de pulvere suo | in gloriam simul evehet.

Obierunt { Illa 28 / Ille 11 } April: Anno Salut. { 1665 / 1668 } Ætatis suae { 56. / 70.

H.S.E. | THOMAS MADOX armiger | Regiae Majestatis | Historiographus humilis | Vxorem duxit Catherinam | Filiam Ricardi EDWARDS | De hac villa Arleseya | Armigeri | Obijt xiij° die Januarij | Anno Domini MDCCXXVI | Catherina, conjux Obijt | xv die Julij MDCCLV | Ætatis suae LXXX.

Near this place lieth the body | of | Anne the dearly beloved wife of VIGERUS EDWARDS Esq: | a younger son of Richard Edwards: Esq: and Elizabeth his wife | late of this parish deceased. | The said Anne was the Daughter and Heiress of Joseph LANE, Esq: | One of the Masters of the Bench of the Society of the Middle Temple London. | And Cousen and Heiress of Benjamin Lane Esq: | of Upton in the County of Bucks, | She had one Son Lane Edwards who died young. | She died the 1 of April 1733, aged 58 years, | He died the 13 of May 1760 aged 88 years.

Hic subtus jacent corpora | ROBERTI VIGEROUS generosi, Familiâ | Vigerosum nuper de Langham in | Agro Essexiano oriundi; | Ac | Elizabethae, primae vxoris ejus, | Filiae Alexandri Metcalfe de Hvll | In agro Eboracensi generosi.

Ille / Obiit / Illa { An°: lxxxiiij / Aetat. lxxviij } A.D. { MDCXCV. / MDCLXXXI.

Hoc monumentum Elizabethae Edwards | vidua, relicta Ricardi EDWARDS | Nuper de hac parochia armigeri | Supradictorum Roberti & Elizabethae | Filia unica superstes, in Piam | Parentum memoriam | Posuit.

To the pious memory of | His father & mother RICHARD EDWARDS, Esq. | and Elizabeth his wife | daughter and heiress of Robert VIGEROUS Esq. & Elizabeth his wife |

He / She } died { 21 Oct. / 21 Nov. } Anno Dom. { 1691 / 1712 } Aged { 60. / 70.

Their bodies lie buried in the middle aisle near this pillar. | He was the last Grand Reader of the Inner Temple London, A.D. 1686 | And the son and heir of Richard Edwards and Catherine his wife | (The second daughter

of Sir Henry WHITEHEAD of Norman's Court in | Titherly in the county of Southampton Kt. and Constance his | wife) buried also in this Isle; whose fourth son George Edwards Esq. | was chief Deputy Register of the Court of Chancery many years and | is buried in the chancel of the parish church of Henlow in this county. | And in that church are buried many ancestors of the family. | The said Richard and Elizabeth had eleven children Elizabeth | Richard Vigerous George Catherine Robert, the others died young. | Elizabeth married John COCKAYN of Hinxworth in Hertfordshire | Gent. and is buried in the chancel of that parish church | she left by him three daughters. | George went young a volunteer into the army in all the | English warrs with France and Spain in the reign of King William the third and | Queen Anne he died major of a regiment A.D. 1712 and lies buried at Gibraltar. He married and | left a son George (who died at 21 unmarried) and 2 daughters | Katherine married Thomas MADOX Esq. Historiographer to Queen | Anne and King George the first.

WILLM. BEDFORD EDWARDS Esq. nephew of Richard Edwards | Capt. H.E.I.C.S. ob. 27 Nov. 1800, his son Richard Edwards ob. 6 Apr. 1807, aet. 9.

Coffin Plates on wall of Vestry.

Mary the wife of JOHN SCHULTZ Esq. | Died Sept. 3rd. 1802 | Aged 87 years.

Mrs. ELIZ^TH ST. JOHN | Died May 8th | 1768 | Aged 78 years.

Mrs. | MARY BROWN | Died Feb^ry 13th | 1759 | Aged 72 years.

Arms—Brown impaling St. John.

John Lee | Esqr. | Died Sepr. 17th | 1761 | In the 68th year | of his age.

Arms—Lee of Hartwell; on an inescutcheon of pretence, Brown.

BARTON-LE-CLAY.

Here lieth bvried the | Body of IOHN NORTON | Late minister of this | Place, departed ye 15 | of Avg. 1662, son of | Richard Norton, Esq^er.

Arms—Gu. a fret arg., a bend vair.

Here lyeth the Body of RICH: NORTON | Gent. Son and heir of Jo: Norton late | Minister of Barton in the

County of Bedford, and of Anne his wife, which | said Richard was married to Anne the | Daughter of Will: FALDOW of Bedford | Gent. who departed this life the 8th day of May 1679. And left two daughters | Anne and Mary. | D : M : S :

Here lyeth the body of ANNE | late wife of Iohn NORTON | Clarke deceased some time | Rector of this Church who | departed this life the 14th day | of April 1696 and in the | 62 years of her age being | in her life time, of an | humble meek and | Charitable Spirit.

Arms—Norton, impaling—a fesse dancettée.

BATTLESDEN.

Heic Iacet | Praenobilis Vir JOHANNES DUNCOMBE | Eques Auratus | Gulielmi Battlesduni in agro Bedfordiensi Armigeri | Et Eliz: Johannis POINTZ Equitis Aurati gnatae filius | Eliz: MAIJ antequâ et honestâ oriundae familiâ Maritus | Ex Septem unico Conjugio natis, unici Gulielmi superstitis Pater, | Pater Maritus Filius Optimus Carolo Secundo | Triumvir Armamentaritis et a Secretioribus Consiliis | Rebus bene gestis haud multo post Quinquevir Æravi Praetor. | Res Regias administrabat pura admodum et parcâ manu | Munifica hujus Rex et Dominus, res privatas restituit et auxit | Singularis sic comparata res domi | Vir | Tanti Regis fiduciâ Spectabilis, tot tantisque muneribus clarus | Fide virtute, probitate saeculi concensu et existimatione egregius | Sed dimissos post honores, quam praesentis inter Splendores illustrior | Respondit ipse quippe Dominus Euge[naeus] Bonus et Fidelis Servus | Laeta vox etsi terrena | Cœlitus olim exaudita | Resurgenti ; o Beata | Obijt | IV Nonas Martii | Anno Salutis MDCLXXXVII | Ætatis Suae LXIV.

Arms—Quarterly, 1 & 4, Duncombe; 2, Reynes; 3, Morteine.

In the Chancel on the south side is the following mural inscription.

The Revd. | EDWARD HENRY WHINFIELD, M.A. | xxxvii years | Rector of Battlesden and Potsgrove | Died 6 July 1821 | Aged lxv years | Blessed is the memory of the just | Ellen Whinfield | Relict of the above | Died 10th Septr. 1827 | Aged 71 years.

In the Churchyard is a large tomb enclosed by iron railings inscribed as follows.

The Honorable
* JULIANA PAGE Widow
of Thomas Page Esq
of
Battlesden
Died July the second 1780
in the 79th year of her age
Her virtues are recorded in the Breast
Of those to whom she was known.

* She was dau'r: of Sir Scrope Howe Knt. (who in 1701 was elevated to the Peerage of Ireland as Baron Clenawley, Co. Fermanagh and Viscount Howe) by his second wife Juliana daur. of Lord Allington of Horseheath. Thomas Page was 2nd son of Sir Gregory Page of Wricklemarsh, Co. Kent. Bart.

In the Churchyard.

Here Lieth ye Body of | DANIELL FOX He was Cook to | The Honble Sr John Duncombe | Kn^t^ & to ye Honble W. Duncombe | Esqr 38 years He Departed | This Life the 7th of Feby 1702^3^ | In ye 58th year of his age.

WILLIAM BLACKER | Late Captain 12 Royal Lancers | Only son of the late | Colonel St John Blacker | Born June 2. 1836. Died Oct. 27. 1875.

MAYORS OF BEDFORD.

(CONTINUED FROM VOL. II. Part xx. p. 240.)

THE list of Mayors, as printed in "A Schedule of the Records and other Documents of the Corporation of Bedford," compiled by the late Town Clerk, Mr. Theed William Pearse, and also in the "Municipal Handbook," commences with the year 1647 and is complete to date, with the exception of the years 1718–20, the records of which are missing. In previous numbers I have given a few names of Mayors of earlier date, which I have noted during my researches. Subjoined are a few more, chiefly gathered from a cursory examination of the Borough Records in the muniment room. I should be very glad to receive additions to the list from those who may be in the way of coming across any.

F. A. B.

1307 Nich. le fferoun.
1344 John Mareschall.*
1348 Henry Arnold.
1352 John Mareschall.†
1362 W. de Kempston.‡
1400 Thos. Jurdan.
1437 John ffreepurs.
1444 Wm. Betts.
1496 John Alwey.
1508 Alex. Crowle.
1512 Simon West.
1545 Hen. Ward.
1547 Willm. Hall.§
1602 Thos Hawes, Junr.
1610 Mr. Beaumont.
1629 John Spenser.‖
1630 Robert Bamford.¶
163– Willm. Waller.
1634 Thos. Paradine.
1635 Francis Bannester.

JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD A.D. 1587.

THE following names are extracted from Lansd. MS. 53, articles 89 and 91, folios 190b, and 195, in the British Museum. In Lansd. MS. 737, folio 149, is a list of Nobility and Gentry in England and Wales, qualified to act as Justices of the Peace, *circa* 1584, but the first folio, containing those for this county, is wanting. It is worthy of remark that the only name now remaining in the county is that of St. John, Baron St. John of Bletsoe.

F. A. B.

Commissioners of the peace displaced.

ffortiscue, esq.: vnmeet to be restored beinge touched in the 2 articles for his wief is recusant.

Willm. Mordaunte, esq.: vnmeete, thoughte to be backwarde in Religion.

Andrewe Graye, esq.: a lawyer vnmeete, he is in Comission w'in Hertfordeshere, a quarresom & contentious man, & his wief even nowe p'sented to me Recusant.

Commissioners remayninge.

Lewes Dyve, esquier.
Edw. Radclife, esquier.
Oliver St. John, esq.
George Rotheram, esq.
Nich'us Luke, esq.
Henry Butler, esq.
Richarde Conqueste, esq.
Ralfe Astrie, esquier.
— Hogeden [Hoddesden], esq.
Oliver St. John, of Keysho.
Wm. Butler, esquier.

* Bushmead Cartulary.
† Coleman's Cat. No. exc.
‡ Newenham Cartulary.
§ Penes C. R. Wade Gery, Esq.
‖ Lay Subsidy Roll.
¶ Conveyance of Thos. Hawes.

The names of all that are in Comission of the Peace in everie the seueral sheres followinge.

BEDS.

Robertus Nudigate
Andrew Graye
Ric'us Conquest
Joh'es Rowe
Joh'es Barnardeston
Rob'tus Hackley [Hatley] de Goldington
Rad'us Austrey
Thomas Norton
Georgius Kensham

BEDFORD BURGESS ROLLS.

I. CIRCA 1399.

"NOI'A BURG' LIBERTATIS VILLE BED."

Wills. Cothrstoke, maior.
* Thomas Jurdon.
Willus. Clervaux. .
Wills. Tunstall. .
Wills. Brorin. .
Ricus. Bethewater. .
Thomas ffrereman. .
Gilbtus. Drye. .
Wills. Coke. x
Henr. Hunte. .
Ricus. Blesworth. x
Johes Glouere. x x
Willus. Lauender. .
Galfrus. Plomere. .
Rogus. Kempston, ffyssher. x
Rogus. Kempston, jun. x
Johes. Haliday, mort.
Nichus. Hermer. .
* Henr. West.
* Rogus. Bartelot.
Wills. Barbour. x
Wills. Dowe. .
Hugo ffoster. .
Rogus Gloue'. x
Thomas Beele. .
Johes. Tannere. .
Wills. Godesman. .
Adam Iremonger. .
Nichus. Bathon.
Stephus. Smyth, mort.
Simon Brasyer.
Johes Scherman. .
Johes. Blake. .
Waltus. Baker. .
Ricus. ffynche. .
Thomas Wardereue, mortuus.
Radus. Pyrewell. .
Robtus. Strynger. .
Ricus. Clerk. .
Johes. Hermer.
Johes. Huylbury. x
Thomas ffyssher. .
Thomas Burwell. .
Johes. Chechele, Spyc'er.
Wills. Walyngton.
Ricus. Vnderwode. .
Wills, Keruer. .
* Thomas Okeles.
Wills. Crowle.
Thomas Punne.
Simon Rysle. .
Wills. Chaloner. .
Johes Pysshonn.
Thomas Beyst, jun. .
Wills, Barton, Cowper.
Johes. Okele. .
Robtus. Aspelond. .
Ricus. Hunte, Smyth.
Johes. Stanton. .
Johes. Strixton. .
* Johes. Sowere.
Ricus. fferthyng. .
Robtus. Pechat. .
Johes. Godesman.

* These are crossed out in the original.

Johes. Dymbylton. .
Ricus. Smyth atte travye. x
* Elena Cooke.
Johes. Hechebon. x
Johes. Hunte. .
Wills. Akelond. .
Johes. Prentys, Bocher, mort.
Johes. Wryghte, mort.
* Ricus. Symond.
Johes. Channfeld, mort.
Johes. ffysher, Glouer. .
Thomas Hunte. .
Thomas Bole. .
* Johes. Wanton.
Johes. Kent.
Johes. Godchous. .
Galfrus. Baker.
Johes. Neubold, mort.
Wills. Hunt. .
Henr. Spark. .

II. Circa 1625.

Villa Bedford. Not'a Burgen.

Stephus. Luxford, maior.
Thomas Hawes.
Wills. Abbys.
Johes. Goodhall.
Jacob Lawrence.
Wills. Waller.
Robtus Bamforth.
Thomas Spencer.
Wills. ffaldoe.
Edro. Gostwick, mil. & Bart[t].
Oliuerus Luke, mil.
Samuel Luke, mil.
ffranc. Crawly s'uien' ad legem.
Anslow Wynch, ar.
Lodovic Leigh, ar.
Thomas Luke, ar.
Oliuerus Bromhall, gen.
Thomas Awdley, gen.
Chr. Turner, gen.
Ricus. Cowne, gen.
Ricus. Beckett. } ballij.
Ricus. Sanders. }
Johes. Pateman.
Johes. Beard, sen.
Thomas Croote.
Johes. Richardson.
Thomas Waller.
Simon Beckett.
Wills. ffitzhugh.
Samuell Beckett.
Thomas Paradyne.
Johes. Spencer.
Wills. Goodwyn.
Wills. Paley.
Thomas Christye.
Johes. Beckett.
Thomas Hale.
Robtus. Goodhalle.
Wills. Paradyne.
Jonas Andrewe.
Johes. Hawes.
Wills. Hawkyns.
Wills. Milward.
Johes. Bamforth.
Ricus. Milward.
Johes. West.
Georgius Paradine.
Georgius Goodwyne.
Robtus. Bell.
Robtus. Cowne.
Robtus. Walker.
Edrus. Welbone.

(*On the other side of the leaf*):—

Johes. Albaney, gen.
Thomas Albanye, gen.
Joseph Walker.
Wills. Beckett.
Wills. Beard.
Com'on Councell.
Johes. ffoster.
Wills. Lavender.
Thomas Hardinge.
Johes. Gascon.

* These are crossed out in the original.

LAY SUBSIDY ROLL FOR BEDFORD, A.D. 1400.

Subsidium dimidie quindene concesso dño Regi in parliamento tento apud Westm. post oct sancti hillarij Anno regni Regis henrici iiij^{ti} post conq' ij^{o}.

Johanne Godesman, Const.	x^{d}	Willmo ffero'	vj^{d}
Roberto Pechat	x^{d}	Sarra ffullere	iiij^{d}
Agnete Rokitt	iiij^{d}	Johanna Tauerner	vj^{d}
Johanne Bulle	xvj^{d}	Agnete Pekel	xij^{d}
Roberto Mattemaker	viij^{d}	Dauid Kenerton	xij^{d}
Johanne Blake, Scheppard	iiij^{d}	Johanne Hunte	iiij^{d}
Thoma Laverok	iiij^{d}	Rico. Clanpere	viij^{d}
Pho. Ade	iij^{d}	Willmo. Dodekyn	iiij^{d}
Johanne Tannere	iiij^{d}	Johanne Cayno	viij^{d}
Rogero Broustere	xij^{d}	Johanne Granthm̃, const.	xij^{d}
Ema Grey	xiij^{d}	Willmo Coupere	vj^{d}
Nicho. Irisschman	x^{d}	Johanne Woderoue	iiij^{d}
Johanne Norman	viij^{d}	Willmo. Gerueys	iij^{s} iiij^{d}
Henrico Barker	ij^{d}	Galfro. Plomer	iij^{s}
Johanne Schepherde	ij^{d}	Rogero Tounstal	iij^{s}
Rico. Walssch	ij^{d}	Johanne Coupere	iiij^{d}
Johanne Waryn	ij^{d}	Johanne Elys	iiij^{d}
Johanne Mason	vij^{d}	Hugone Wrighte	ij^{d}
Johanne Olyuer	ij^{d}	Phio. Wrighte	iiij^{d}
Thoma Tannere	xvj^{d}	Willmo. Prudden	ij^{d}
Rico. atte Wode	ij^{s}	Henrico Braban	iiij^{d}
Rico. Clerk, const.	xvj^{d}	Willmo. Kent	ij^{d}
Henrico Auborn	xx^{d}	Johanne Cok, capell.	vj^{d}
Johanne ffoluyle	ij^{d}	Agnete White	iij^{d}
Willmo. Cartere	ij^{d}	Reginald Cartere	ij^{d}
Henrico Milne	xij^{d}	Johanne Dorant	ij^{d}
Matheo Rede	ij^{d}	Johanne Molend	viij^{d}
Matilda atte corner	ij^{d}	Willmo. Bartelot	iiij^{d}
Thoma Deistere	xx^{d}	Roberto Cartere	ij^{d}
Agnete Grey	ij^{d}	Johanne Irisscheman	ij^{d}
Rado. Segñe	ij^{d}	Alano Chaloner	ij^{d}
Johanne Denys	xij^{d}	Johanne Braban	iiij^{d}
Stephano Smyth	iiij^{d}	Isabella Little	ij^{d}
Henrico Cartere	ij^{d}	*Simone Cook	ij^{d}
Agnete Borezate	vj^{d}	—— Haliday, const.	ij^{s} vj^{d}
Johanne Makepec	ij^{d}	—— Borewell	xvj^{d}
Johanne Blake	xviij^{d}	—— Newebolt	xx^{d}

The foregoing Burgess and Subsidy Rolls were transcribed by me from the originals now preserved amongst

* The Roll is damaged here, a few names being torn off.

the Corporation Records in the Muniment Room at the Shire Hall. There are two or three more, but the writing is so faded that it is almost impossible to decipher them. As a record of names of householders in this ancient Borough, some five hundred years back, they possess an interest which renders them worthy of being preserved in print.

F. A. B.

A BEDFORDSHIRE CUSTOM.—*Notes and Queries*, under date June 28, contains the following: When my valued friend, the late Mr. J. Howard, sometime member for Beds, enclosed his park at Clapham, near Bedford, he pulled down an old farmhouse which was within his grounds. As the work was going on, a niche in the wall of the old kitchen was discovered, which had been carefully bricked up. In it were a fine linen smock-frock, such as labourers and small farmers used to wear, in my memory, on Sundays, and a fine linen shirt. One of the oldest labourers on the estate remembered that in his youth, early in the present century, the farmer who lived in the house died, and that the clothing was said at the time to have been put in the niche, and bricked up by the dying man's orders. I have forgotten the farmer's name, which I once knew, as Mr. Howard and myself sought in vain for a headstone with the man's name, in the churchyard of Clapham. I only remember that his descendants lived till recently in the village, but in very reduced circumstances. Some time ago I mentioned the fact to my friend Mr. Edward Taylor, who asked me to send them to *Notes and Queries* as perhaps a very late survival of a well-known and once widespread custom. Of course the idea of the farmer was that the spirit of the clothes would accompany him after death. The clothes, Mr. Howard tells me, though to appearance sound, soon fell to pieces. The people, however, who were about, and knew the motive of their dedication, would not, he told me, have appropriated them. It would be curious if any of your correspondents have found so late an instance of the custom as that of the Clapham farmer.—JAMES E. THOROLD ROGERS, Oxford.

BEDFORDSHIRE
NOTES AND QUERIES.

Ancient Bedford.

By Thomas Gwyn Elger, F.R.A.S.

The discovery of archæological relics in Bedford being of late years a somewhat unusual occurrence, notwithstanding the activity of building operations and the consequent repeated disturbance of the ground, the "find" on Mr. Charles Wells' premises about two years ago has excited sufficient interest to justify a very brief account of the various objects which were brought to light and a few words of speculation as to the periods of the past to which they may be referred. Bedford, though now a flourishing town, was once of much greater relative importance than it is at present. Of this we have abundant proof furnished both by written history and antiquarian remains. Its position on a fordable reach of a fine navigable river in the midst of a wide fertile valley would very naturally lead to it being selected and maintained as a stronghold even by tribes not far advanced in military or tactical skill. Hence we may be tolerably sure that the manifest physical advantages of such a site as that on which the greater part of the town now stands would not be neglected. It is recorded in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle that in the year 571 Cuthulf, the brother of Ceawlin, King of Wessex, fought against the Britons at Bedford and took four towns, a statement which is confirmed by a reference to Richard of Cirencester, who says that the King of the West Saxons "*cepit Castellum Bedeanforde, quod modo Bedeforde nuncupator*" with other towns. This "castellum," as has been remarked, does not imply anything so pretentious as a

castle according to our modern notions of such a structure, but probably only a fortified stronghold or earthwork. Be that as it may, the pottery and coins which have been occasionally turned up in and about Bedford tend to show that it was a military post of no mean importance even before the epoch of the Roman Settlement. Though it is clear that Bedford was at no time a Roman town in the sense that London, Lincoln, Gloucester, and Verulam were, or, like Sandy, Irchester, or Towcester, an important military station, the discovery of Roman pottery, coins, and other relics of the Roman occupation in the town and neighbourhood proves that it was populated by Roman settlers during the Romano-British period. In fact, lying as it does nearly midway in a line between the important stations, Salenæ (Sandy) and Lactodorum (Towcester), it would naturally be traversed by a vicinal way connecting these places. Indeed, traces of such a highway have been detected, and some have gone so far as to assert that what was formerly known as Potter Street represents a portion of this road leading up to a Roman gate (*porta*), hence the name. While questioning the soundness of this etymology, I think there can be no question as to the great antiquity of the name Potter Street, which for no ostensible reason was recently changed by our Town Council to "Cardington Road,"—an alteration conceived in the same snobbish spirit as that which gives us "academy" instead of "school," and "villa" in the place of "house." Fortunately we have an Act of Parliament for the preservation of ancient monuments, but it would be well if something could be done to prevent historic names of streets and places from being uselessly erased to satisfy the ever-changing whims and fancies of public bodies who frequently fail to appreciate the historical and antiquarian value of time-honoured designations. Referring to the reduction of the Danelagh, the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle states that Eadward the Elder, the son of the great Ælfred, went with his forces to Bedford, A.D. 919, gained the town and stayed there four weeks, "commanding, before he left, a new town to be built on the south side of the river." This new town was called "Mikesgate," and was enclosed by a ditch called to this day "King's Ditch." Eadward's defensive works at Bedford were put to the proof almost as soon as they were completed. A strong army of Danes, concentrated at Temps-

ford, besieged the town, but were defeated with great slaughter by the men of Bedford. Whatever uncertainty there may be as to the size or importance of Bedford during the Romano-British and early Saxon periods, there can be no question that from A.D. 955 down to the time of Stephen, A.D. 1154—an interval of two centuries, a Royal Mint was established here—a fact which shows that the town was then a centre of life and activity. To return now to the more immediate subject of this paper, Speed's Map of Bedford, published in 1610, shows a wide ditch coming down from the north-west side of the town and running into the River Ouse through Mr. Wells' property. It is now filled up, but within living memory it existed much as it is portrayed. An old Map, dated 1807, shows it running south of the Franciscan Monastery, or the Grey Friars (founded about A.D. 1300), and then trending due west, though Speed represents it bordering the Friary on the east. In any case there was doubtless a branch into it from the latter place. Speed's Map also shows very prominently the "King's Ditch," part of the defensive work undertaken in the early part of the tenth century by the command of Eadward the Elder, to protect the new town, called Mikesgate, then built on the south side of the river. With the exception of the ditch, not a remnant of any work of this date seems to have existed at the time Speed prepared his Map. The watercourse on the north side of the Ouse enters the river at a point a little east of the junction of King's Ditch with the opposite side of the stream. At a time when Bedford was one of the principal towns of Mercia and of the South Saxons, nearly ten centuries ago, both the river and its tributaries were undoubtedly of much greater size than they are now, and probably often bore the ships of the Danish Vikings when these worthies were bent on their destructive expeditions, as possibly at a still earlier date they may have reflected the coracles of the aboriginal Briton and the boat of the Roman settler. That this is not an unlikely supposition is shown by the records we possess relating to many other English rivers, indicating that centuries ago they were of far greater extent than they are at present. In that very interesting account of Roman London, included by Mr. Loftie in his history of that city, he gives some interesting particulars bearing on the subject in connection with the

River Thames, and that subsequently malodorous stream which runs into it, known in modern times as the Fleet sewer or ditch. During the Roman occupation this ditch was so wide that Roman ships used to navigate it, and Roman gentlemen built their villas on its banks. Though our Friars' ditch was probably never comparable in importance to its metropolitan prototype, it would nevertheless be a considerable stream, and, as a navigable creek, a site of human activity.

In March, 1887, Mr. Foster's workmen in digging the foundations of a malting then in course of erection at Mr. Charles Wells' Brewery, on the south side of Horne Lane, came upon a wide and thick deposit of black mud with an underlying bed of peat, which, as reference to the position on Speed's Map of Bedford clearly shows, was the site of the ditch coming down from the Greyfriars' monastery. The excavation extended to a depth of eleven or twelve feet and was made through ground all of which has probably been disturbed on previous occasions. At a depth of about ten feet, in the midst of this deposit, were found two combs, both of which are most interesting relics of, I believe, Anglo-Saxon workmanship; and I am confirmed in this opinion by a reference to Mr. Llewellyn Jewett's "Grave Mounds and their Contents," where a comb very similar to the larger one is figured, which was dredged from the bed of the Thames and is considered to belong to this period. It merits careful examination as presenting to modern eyes many remarkable peculiarities. It is constructed of bone and is six inches in length. Its cylindrical handle is rather under an inch in diameter at one end and tapers uniformly to a diameter of half an inch at the other. There is a rough attempt at ornamentation on one side only. Unfortunately most of the teeth are broken, but enough remain to show that it was what we should term a coarse comb. The way in which the teeth are fitted is very noteworthy. There are five distinct sections, each section including ten or twelve teeth, and these are most artistically fitted into a slit made for the purpose in the body of the comb and secured by iron rivets passing from side to side. The other comb, which is in a very fragmentary condition, is a double one, with teeth fastened by rivets (like the first in sections), between two bone sides, ornamented in a primitive fashion with slanting strokes and short notches on its edges. The pottery exhibited

is only a small portion of that which was found on the site of the ditch. It is unfortunately all in a broken state, so much so that, with one exception, it is impossible to obtain a clear notion of the shape or character of the vessels it represents. A handle and part of the neck remain of what may originally have been an amphora, which seems to belong to the Romano-British period. The other pieces are very fragmentary, so that it would be idle to attempt to classify them. What little detail there is in the way of ornamentation is of a somewhat elaborate but rude kind, but seems to pertain to the Romano-British type. There was a large oak pile found also embedded in the ditch with an impression of the wear caused by cordage very distinctly traceable at its upper end. Near the western side of the excavation was found, at a depth of seven or eight feet, a very perfect specimen of Roman workmanship—a brass key. It is rather more than two inches in length, and half an inch in breadth at its widest part. Its design and finish are very noteworthy, and would do credit to a modern locksmith. It is almost identical in type with one figured in Mr. Roach Smith's "Roman London," *apropos* of which and other specimens that eminent antiquary remarks, "Modern ingenuity in the construction of locks and keys has achieved but little, if anything, beyond what the inventive genius of the ancients had accomplished. As one of our most eminent locksmiths admitted when he examined these keys and found among them clear evidence that the principle of some of his patent keys was only a revival of what was perfectly understood by the Romans and commonly used in London" (and we may now add in Bedford also) "sixteen or seventeen hundred years ago." This example is, judging from the drawings in Mr. Roach Smith's classic work, if anything, more highly finished than any which are there illustrated. There was a small ring at the end of it, so that it could be attached to a larger ring (as in a modern bunch of keys) or connected to the girdle. Near to the key was found a knife, twelve inches in length, with an eight-inch blade nearly two inches wide near the handle, which, being doubtless originally of wood, has decayed. There is a great family likeness among knives of all ages, and it is impossible to conclude with certainty that this specimen is Roman, though it was found practically at the same depth and near to the undoubtedly Roman key, and perfectly resembles in dimensions and shape certain

specimens of Roman cutlery figured in Watkins' "Roman Lancashire." A little south of the key and knife a Roman coin of Diocletian was found. It is a fairly perfect specimen of the Roman brass coinage, rather more than one inch in diameter. The head of the Emperor (during whose reign Britain was restored to the Empire) is considerably disfigured, and the legend on the opposite side is scarcely decipherable, but appears to represent a figure emblematic of "Plenty." The coin carries us back to the beginning of the fourth century, but of course its date is no exact index of the period when it was found, after a prolonged respite from the wear and tear of circulation, in the soil south of Horne Lane. In addition to these objects two bone pins were discovered, broad in the middle and tapering to a somewhat sharp point at either end. They belong to a type often turned up at Kempston, where, as we know, there was an Anglo-Saxon settlement and cemetery. They are undoubtedly Saxon, and were probably used by women for fastening their hair. I am inclined on the whole to consider the greater part of this interesting "find" to belong to the Roman and Romano-British period. The ditch was probably for a long time the receptacle of the broken crockery of the people who lived in its vicinity, and forming, as it in all likelihood did, an important creek and water-course, coins and other objects of value would frequently find their way into it as they do into modern arterial outlets of drainage. It is unfortunate that the pottery is in such a fragmentary condition, as it would otherwise have been possible to speak more positively about the epoch or epochs to which it belongs. But, at any rate, we have the combs, the coin, and the key, to say nothing of the knife, to strengthen the supposition, now rendered almost incontrovertible, that coeval with, if not previous to, the time of the Anglo-Saxon, the existence of a Romano-British population in Bedford is not altogether a dream of the archæologist.

Gleanings from Parish Registers.

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CARDINGTON.

Burials.

1679	Dec.	15	**Gascoyn**, Ann.
1681	Sep.	1	**Peck**, Thos., s. of Mr. Oliver.
1686	Dec.	21	,, Mrs. Ann.
1687	Aug.	8	,, Oliver.
1690	Apr.	9	,, Mary.
1695	May	29	,, John.
1703	Aug.	25	**Gascoigne**, John, s. of George.
1708	Oct.	10	**Peck**, John, gent.
1709	July	11	**Blundel**, George, Esq.
1714	Oct.	13	**Peck**, Oliver.
,,	Dec.	12	**Cockain**, John.
1715	June	21	**Peck**, Mr. Oliver.
1719	Jan.	19	**Spencer**, Mrs. Eleanor.
,,	Feb.	15	**Peck**, Alice, an infant.
1720	Feb.	21	**Cokayne**, Mary, wid.
1721	Apr.	5	**Pillinger**, Mrs. Susanna.
1722	Sep.	13	**Peck**, Dorothy, an infant.
1723	June	5	,, Mrs. Alice, wid.
,,	June	20	**Sandys**, Mrs. Elizabeth.
1724	Mar.	8	**Spencer**, Mr. Wm.
1725	Mar.	31	**Blundell**, Dame Elizabeth, Relict of Sir George, Knt.
,,	,,		**Blundell**, Elizabeth, d. of Sr. George & Dame Elizabeth.
,,	Jan.	24	**Cockayne**, William, from ye workhouse.

WILLINGTON.

1702	Apr.	22	**Gostwyck**, Mr. William, bur.
1704	Aug.	30	**Nelthorpe-Gostwyk**, Mr. Edward, of Clarken Well, St. James, London, & Mrs. Ann, mar. by lic.
1705	Sep.	11	**Nelthorpe**, William, s. of Edward, gent., bapt. Bur. 4 Aug. 1711.
1711	Feb.	11	**Gostwyck**, Mrs. Joanna, bur.
1712	Mar.	12	**Jones**, Matt., clerk, bur.
1714	May	1	**Nelthorpe**, Mrs. Dorothy, d. of Edmund, Esq., bur.
,,	Aug.	6	**Jones**, Ann, wid., bur.

1714	Sep.	20	**Holloway**, Francis, s. of Benjamin, Clerk, bapt Bur. 24 Dec.
1715	Sep.	7	**Holloway**, Benjamin, s. of Benjamin, Clerk, & Frances, bapt.
,,	Mar.	8	**Gostwick**, John, Esq., bur.
1718	June	2	**Holloway**, Joseph, s. of Benj., Vicar, bur.
,,	Jan.	24	**Gostwick**, Sr. William, Bart., bur.
1721	Aug.	3	**Holloway**, Francis, infant, bur.
1730	Oct.	13	**Betts**, Belinda Luke, d. of John, Clerk, & Ann, bapt.
1733	Dec.	4	**Betts**, Charles, s. of John, Clerk, & Ann, bapt.
1737	Oct.	21	,, Anne, d. of ,, ,, ,, ,,
,,	Jan.	18	**Dewbury—Alston**, Samuel & Ann, mar. by lic.
1738	Jan.	13	**Betts**, John, s. of John, Clerk, & Ann, bapt. Bur. 17 Jan.
1740	Aug.	4	**Betts**, Benedicta, d. of John & Ann, bapt. Bur. 2 Sep.
1742	May	25	**Betts**, Maria, d. John & Ann, bapt. Bur. 1 Sep.
1743	Nov.	27	,, John Barron, s. of John & Ann, bapt. Bur. 21 Mar.
1744	Mar.	4	**Betts**, Betty, d. of John & Ann, bapt. Bur. 21 Sep. 1745.
1751	Jun.	10	**Shepherd**, Rev. Mr., bur.
1753	Mar.	4	**Smith—Jones**, Kenelm, of Barrowden, co. Rutland, & Anne, wid., mar. by lic.
1758	May	25	**Smith**, Thomas, s. of John, vicar, bur.
1779	July	27	**Holloway**, Ann, wid., bur.
1792	Mar.	6	**Silby**, Ann, d. of James & Mary, bur.
1810	Apr.	23	**Leach**, Richard, Vicar, bur., aet. 67.

BEDFORD, S. JOHN'S.

1669	Nov.	11	**Wye—Edwards**, Will'us, gen., & Jane, mar.
1670	Jan.	5	**Spencer—Puller**, Johannes, S.T.P., and Hanna, mar.
1671	Aug.	21	**Harding**, Amie, filia Ludovici, gen., bapt.
1672	Jan.	5	**Crowley**, Theodore, sep.
1676	Oct.	22	**Lane**, Magister Antonius, Clericus, sep.
,,	Sep.	15	,, Maria, filia Antonij, bapt.
1677	June	10	**Parker—Faldoe**, Joh: de Kimbolton, & Amy, de Bedford, mar.
1683	May	17	**Spencer**, William, s. of Samuel, gent., & Abigail, bapt.
1685	Apr.	3	**Hanscombe—Kent**, Mr. Robert, & Rebecca, mar.
,,	Feb.	1	**Beckett**, Ann, wid. fr. S. Marie's par., bur.
1697	Oct.	25	**Faulkner—Penn**, Benjamin, of S. Clement's Dean, London, and Constance, mar.

1697	Nov.	5	**Bedford—Bamford**, Wm. and Dorothy, mar.
1699	June	4	**Bourne—Oresby**, Edward, Clerk, & An, spr., mar.
1700	Aug.	10	**Rabey—Gardner**, Jn., gent., of Huntingdon, & Ann, spr., mar.
1701	Apr.	3	**Bedford**, Thos., s. of Thom., bapt. Bur. 2 Aug.
,,	Oct.	7	**Bourne**, Edward, s. of Edward, Clerk, bapt.
1706	May	8	**Powers—Winch**, John, Clerk, Vicar of Thurleigh, & Mary, of Clifton, mar.
1707	Aug.	20	**Spencer**, Wm., Clerk, s. of Mr. Samuel, bur.
1708	Oct.	11	**Calton**, Humphrey, gent., bur.
1711	Feb.	15	**Underwood**, Mr. Thomas, Alderman, bur.
1713	July	20	**Bourne**, Mr. Edward, Rector of St. John's, bur.
1714	Apr.	15	**Faldo**, Mr. Paul, Clerk, Rector, bur.
1715	May	26	**Frank—Bourne**, Ralph, Clerk, Official of Bedford, & Ann, wid., of this par., by lic.
1717	June	25	**Wingate—Hawes**, Robert, gent., & Mary, wid., both of S. Mary's, by lic.
,,	Aug.	19	**Hay—Wingate**, John, M.D., of St. Paul's, & Phillips, of S. Mary's, by the Chancellor's Lic.
,,	Sep.	30	**Towersy—Edwards**, John, Clerk, & Elizabeth, both of this par., by the Chancellor's Lic.
1717	Dec.	11	**Whitbread—Winch**, Henry, of Cardington, gent., & Elizabeth, of S. Mary's, wid.

ARLESEY.

Baptisms.

1538	Oct.	12	**Coper**, John, s. of Michael.
1540	June	17	**Hemynge**, William, s. of Edmund.
1541	June	22	**Copper**, Michael, s. of Edmund.
,,	July	22	,, Richard, s. of Michael.
1542	Dec.	1	**Cooper**, Edmund, s. of ,,
,,	Dec.	3	,, Thomas, s. of Edmund.
,,	Mar.	4	**Hemynge**, Jone, d. of Edmund.
1543	Apr.	13	**Emery**, Edmund, s. of Richard.
,,	Jan.	25	**Cooper**, Siceley, d. of Henry.
1544	Mar.	10	**Emerye**, Elizabeth, d. of Richard.
1545	Sep.	7	**Hemynge**, Cateren, d. of Edmund.
1547	Apr.	23	**Emerye**, Margaret, d. of Richard.
,,	Nov.	28	**Hemynge**, Edmond, s. of Edmond.
1549	July	25	**Emerye**, Thomas, s. of Richard.
,,	Sep.	12	**Pygat**, Anne, d. of John.
,,	Dec.	20	**Hemynge**, Margaret, d. of Edmond.
1551	Nov.	30	**Emerye**, Elizabeth, d. of Richard.
,,	Mar.	9	**Hemynge**, Margaret, d. of Edmond.

(*From* 1552 *to* 1557 *are wanting.*)

1557	May	28	**Emerye**, Jasper, s. of Richard.
,,	June	18	**Payge**, Jasper, s. of Mr. John, gent.
1561	May	18	**Luke**, John, s. of John.
,,	Nov.	2	**Page**, Jasper, s. of Mr. John, gent.
1562	May	24	**Emerye**, Anne & Jane, daurs. of Richard.
1563	Jan.	17	**Page**, Thomas, s. of John, gent.
1564	July	30	,, Doritye, d. of ,, ,,
,,	,,	,,	,, Anne, d. of ,, ,,
1565	May	20	**Emerye**, Clare, d. of Richard.
1566	Dec.	19	,, Richard, s. of Richard.
1567	Oct.	12	**Page**, Edward, s. of John, gent.
1569	Dec.	23	**Emerye**, Bryget, d. of Richard.

(*From* 1573 *to* 1585 *are wanting.*)

1588	Nov.	—	**Browne**, Hewegh, s. of Richard.
1589	June	1	**Emery**, Cateren, d. of Thomas.
1591	June	27	,, Florence, d. of ,,
1593	Mar.	28	,, Jane, d. of ,,
1594	June	24	,, Mary, d. of ,,
,,	Aug.	1	**St. Jones**, John, s. of Mr. ffrancis, gent.
1598	Dec.	24	**Browne**, Ales, d. of Richard.
1599	Sep.	30	**Emerye**, Anne, d. of Thomas.
,,	Nov.	11	,, Richard, s. of Richard.
1601	Dec.	—	,, Cateren, d. of ,,
1610	Dec.	16	,, Anne, d. of ,,
1613	Oct.	8	,, Martha, d. of ,,
1616	Aug.	29	,, Susan, d. of ,,
1619	Jan.	31	,, Judah ? d. of ,,
1640	Sep.	2	**Devenish**, Anne, d. of Robert.
,,	Dec.	3	**Browne**, Thomas, s. of Samuel, Esq.
1641	Apr.	8	**Edwards**, Thomas, s. of Richard.
,,	May	5	**Winch**, Elizabeth, d. of John.
,,	Nov.	28	**Devenish**, Katherine, d. of Robert.
,,	Dec.	9	**Browne**, John, s. of Samuel, Esq.
1643	Aug.	13	**Winch**, Mary, d. of John.
,,	Mar.	1	**Edwards**, Elenor, d. of Laurence, gent.
1644	Apr.	11	,, ffrancis, s. of Richard, Esq.
,,	Oct.	10	**Devenish**, George, s. of Robert, gent.
1645	Apr.	27	**Winch**, Edward, s. of John.
,,	Aug.	7	**Emerie**, Edward, s. of Jasper, Citizen.
,,	Mar.	5	**Edwards**, Katherine, d. of Richard, Esq.
1646	May	6	**Devenish**, Jane, d. of Robert.
1647	Mar.	25	**Taileur**, Margaret, d. of William, gent.
,,	June	27	**Winch**, John, s. of John.
,,	Sep.	19	**Browne**, Oliver, s. of Samuel, Esq.
1649	July	8	**Winch**, Hanna, d. of John.
,,	Nov.	1	**Browne**, Mary, d. of Samuel, Esq.
1667	Sep.	7	**Edwards**, Vigorous, s. of Mr.
1675	Aug.	8	,, Katherine, d. of Richard, Esq.

MARRIAGES.

1559	Oct.	22	**Baldock—Audley**, Robert & Jane.
,,	Jan.	15	**Edwards—Stringer**, Matthew & ——
1564	Aug.	14	**Coper—Wyne**, Edmund & Mary.
1567	Feb.	20	**Hurst—Hemmynge**, William & Jone.
1568	Oct.	10	**Loring—Baldocke**, William & Ales.
,,	Nov.	10	**Petchat—Edwards**, Michael & Ellen.
1589	Apr.	20	**Smith—Love**, John, Clerke, & Anne.
,,	Aug.	31	**Loringe—Gates**, William & Elizabeth.
1593	Sep.	23	**Luke—Clerksone**, Nicholas, gent., & Olive, gent.
1595	Feb.	11	**Clerke—St. Jones**, Thomas, gent., & Anne, gent.
1597	Aug.	2	**Browne—Austene**, Richard & Anne.
1602	Oct.	11	**Young—Emery**, Edward & Anne.
1606	Apr.	28	**Emery—Parker**, Edward & Jonne.
1616	Feb.	10	**Dawley—Whithead**, Walter, gent., & Christian, gent.
1641	July	7	**Norman—Emery**, William, minister, & Anne.

BURIALS.

1559	Jan.	27	**Loring**, Margaret.
1560	Mar.	31	**Emery**, Jane, wife of Richard.
,,	May	20	**Peck**, Thomas, gent.
,,	Feb.	7	**Pickman**, William, Vicar.
1561	Apr.	18	**Luke**, Anne, d. of Mr. John.
,,	Jan.	16	**Page**, John, s. of Mr. John.
,,	Jan.	30	**Smith**, Jasper, s. of Mr. Jasper.
,,	Mar.	14	**Luke**, the wyf of Mr. John.
1575	Mar.	4	**Bowles**, Dive, s. of Thomas.
1587	July	7	**Page**, John, gent.
,,	Sep.	8	**Loringe**, William.
1592	May	2	**Browne**, Elizabeth, d. of Richard.
1594	Jan.	2	**Emery**, Richard, gent.
,,	Feb.	8	**Loringe**, William.
1595	Sep.	8	**Browne**, the wyf of Richard.
1606	Nov.	17	**Emery**, Catharen, d. of Richard.
1609	Nov.	10	**Browne**, the wife of ——
1610	July	4	**Emery**, Hannah, d. of Richard.
1613	Apr.	1	,, the wife of Thomas, gent.
,,	June	20	**Coper**, the wife of Wm.
1615	June	20	**Emery**, Edmund.
1618	July	31	**Underwood**, Lawrence.
1622	Oct.	21	**Coper**, the wyf of Robert.
1623	Oct.	23	**Cooper**, Mrs., widow.
1627	Mar.	7	**Edwards**, Richard, s. of Richard, gent.
1638	Oct.	9	,, Richard, gent.
1640	July	23	**Devenish**, Katherine, d. of Robert, gent.

1641	Apr.	12	**Browne**, John, s. of Samuel, Esq.
1643	July	6	,, Thomas, s. of Samuel, Esq.
,,	Sep.	23	**Page**, widow.
1644	Dec.	31	**Edwards**, Oliver, s. of Thomas, gent.
1646	Apr.	20	**Winch**, Edward, s. of John.
1647	Dec.	29	**Browne**, Oliver, s. of Samuel, Esq.
,,	Mar.	22	,, Mary, d. of ,, ,,
1648	June	17	**Edwards**, Thomas, s. of Richard, Esq.
1649	Nov.	22	**Winch**, John.
1650	Dec.	18	**Ashurst**, Jane, my mother.
1665	Apr.	22	**Edwards**, Katherine, d. of Richard, Esq.
,,	May	5	**Browne**, The Lady Elizabeth, wife of Sir Samuel.
1667	Aug.	26	**Edwards**, Hellen, wid.
,,	Dec.	28	,, Vigorous, s. of Richard, Esq.

Monumental Inscriptions.

(Continued from p. 91.)

BEDFORD, S. JOHN.

Vnderneath Lies Interred | The Body of Mrs Susanna Bovrne Davghter of Mr. John | Robins of Bvckingham and | Mary his wife Descended of an | Ancient Family of the Lamberts | In that town and Wife of Mr. | Edward Bouvrne Rector of this | Chvrch and master of the | Hospital Who departed this | Life the 25th day of September | In the 59th year of her Age | And in the year of ovr | Lord God 1698.

Here lyeth Edward | Bourne Rector of this Church | Master of the Hospital | Dyed ye 28 of June 1713 | in the 72 year of his age.

Paul Faldo Rector | of this Church & Master | of the Hospital Dyed in | the 51 year of his age | April 12th 1714.

Here lie ye Remains | of | John Towersey, B.D. | sometime | Fellow of Trinity College in Cambridge | & 27 years | Rector of this Church | A man of Various &

Extensive Knowledge | Learned & Accurate in Divinity | A Judicious, Instructive & moving | Preacher | Whose Life was all He Taught | He went to his Reward | on Good Friday March 27 1741 | a Day which He had often Celebrated | With a Great and truly Christian | Devotion.

Here rest the Remains of | WILLIAM BEDFORD, M.A. | late Rector of Yieldon in this County | & Rector & Master of this Church & Hospital | who departed this Life | May ye 30th 1754 in ye 55th year | of His Age.

In Memory of | John | Son of IOHN TOWERSEY Clerk | And Elizabeth his wife | Who died Nov. 3 1756 | Aged 37.

In memory of EDWARD | BOURNE he Departed this life | August — 17— Aged | 86 years | Also Sarah the Wife of | Edward Bourne who | died the ——————— | Aged 63 years.

P. LEPIPRE | MDCCLXXXII.

Hic, spe futurae Gloriae situs est | HENRICUS HINDE A.M. | Quondam Oxoniae in Collegio Reginae Alumnus | (ubi Literas humaniores et sacras hausit) | Et per xxxiii fere Annos hujus Ecclesiae Rector | Hospitiique Magister | Obiit 30 Die Mart: Anno Dom: 1787 | Aetatis suae 68.

In Memory of | Mrs. ANN TOWERSEY | Relict of the | Rev. Edward Towersey A.M. | who died March 26 | 1807 | Aged 88 years.

BEDFORD, S. MARY.

Here lies interred BRIDGIT onely dav | ghter of Peter WOODCOCK of Cawcot | in Rutland Gentleman: Widow of GEORGE THWAYTS of London Merchant | who left her childless wife of John BAR | BOR of Caldwell nigh Bedford Esq: to | whome she brovght forth children male | & female, the last dead within hir and | vnborn, brovght hir forth throvgh the | pangs of death to rest in this bed of dvst | A dvtifvl Child Accomplished virgin | Faythful Wife Tender Nvrse Carefvl Mother | Helpful Neighbor Charitable Christian Piovs | Sovle Lover of God married to her hvsband | 6^t of November 1650 hir body bvried on | the same day 1660 hir sovle now in | heaven their ioyned in everlasting Espovsal | in the pretiovs memorie of whome hir loving | hvsband erects this monvment 4th of | Decemb. 1660.

Here waites Saviour's reappearing | MARY LYSONS | one of ye davghters of Wm Lysons late of Bristol merchant |

Whose beautifull and virgin body | was a fit receptacle for her | Virtuous and pious soul | She lived much desired & died much lamented | Sept. 20th A° Dom: 1682 Aetat. 21 | to whose sacred memory & that of her tender nephew | William Farrell | son to FERGUS FARRELL of Firlickin in Ireland Esq. | the Peere of her innocence & meet companion | in her grave | her most disconsolate mother | Ann | now wife of EDMOND GARDNER of Coldwell Esq. | dedicates this monument.

BEDFORD, S. PAUL.

Lector siste | Morae Pretium erit non nescire te cuius hoc sit Monvmentvm | viri sanctissimi | Fidelis olim huius eccles: Vicar; vigilantiss: nuper sanct: Iohan: Rector: | vbi corpvs iam sepvltvm iacet in certam felicis resvrrect: fidvciam | idem | Exemplari pietate in Deum admiranda sagacitate in rebvs | Profvsa benignitate in egenos, incvlpab: integritate in omnes, | Et virtvtibvs Ministro christi dignis, | Vnvs, et nemini secvndvs. | ANDREAS DENNYS | Migravit hinc ad Coeleste domicilivm Octob: xxiii° Anno Regis Caroli ix Christi MDCXXXIII° | Aetatis svae LXVI°.

Hoc tantum est (lector) qvod te Thom: Hillarsdon de Elstow armiger | amicissime volebat | Qvi in memoriam viri praedicti honoris et amoris ergo | Spectatvm hoc posvit necrotaphivm | Moerentes amici | Epitaphivm.

I^n ye bed of dvst is sown | & sleepeth MARY BRADSHAW | Piovs prudēt loved wife | of Ioh' Bradshaw vicear | of ye chvrch: dav: of joh' EASTON | Susā his wife she was | married May 2 1639 dyed | I^n childbed May 9 1640.

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Mater IohannIs braDshaVV
MDCXL

Here | Lyeth | WILLIAM ABVTT hee de | parted this life the 28 | of Aprill 1695.

Near this spot | Lie the remains | of the | Rev. THOMAS GADSBY, M.A. | Vicar of Wootton in this County | who died universally regretted | May 3rd 1840 | aged 81.

THOMAE CHRISTIE Armigeri
Cineres hic depositi Jvlij 9: 1697.

In memoriam svarum Conjugvm | Aliciae è Polorvm de Clerkenwell Familiâ Annae è Lucarum de Cople Woodend prosapiâ | Monvmentvm hoc posvit | Thomas Christie

Armiger | Non sine Lachrymis et suspiriis | Illam qvod amiserit Istam qvod amittere poterit | Ablati boni jactvram | Possessi Magnitvdo adavget: | Praecvntis virtutes adèo feliciter | Subsecvta didicit. | Suas addidit | Eheu: tot tantasq' dotes | Vel mori posse, vel posse tolli: | Salvtaris tandem jvdicij intvitv. | Mortalitatis gravamina | In hisce sepulchris | Celarvnt | Alicia Octob. 9° 1666 | Anna Septemb. 4° 1709.

ELIZABETH JARVIS Wife of | Thomas Jarvis citizen | and Ironmonger of Lon | don and daughter of Mr. JOHN ESTON Alderman of | Bedford shee dyed in | London February 9th | 1649 and lyeth heare | interred. | Here also lyeth | Interred the Body of | GRACE ESTON to | Whose Memory the | Monument on the wall | Was erected February | the 29th 1699.

Underneath lyeth | Interr'd ye body of THOMAS HAWES | late of this Parish Gent. | He married CONSTANCE SHEPHERD by | whom He had Issue Five Sons | & Seven Davghters | He departed this Life | ye 14th of July 1689 | In ye 84th year of his Age | Also at ye foot of these steps | Lyeth Interr'd his Father | Thomas Hawes | with Lettis his wife | And | Thomas Hawes his Grandfather | with Sarah his wife | Who were all Benefactors | To this Town.

Here lieth the | Body of SARAH | SMITH wife of Ralph | Smith Alderman | Who departed this | life the 12th day of | October A° Dñi 1697 | Aetatis svae 53.

IOHN ESTON Esq. | Late High Sherif of this County | of Bedford, Iustice of the peace for | this Town and for the County | son of John Eston Gent. deceased | who was Iustice of the peace for this Town and thrice Mayor thereof. | Married GRACE STAPLEY | Daughter of John Stapley of | Twincham in the County of Sussex | Esq. With whom he lived in marriage | Forty-six years. | Resigned his soul to God on the | sixteen day of October 1697 in the | Seventy-one year of his age, and | left his body to be here interred.

To the memory | of GRACE ESTON | wife of John Eston | of this Town Esq. Daugh: | ter of John Stapley of Tremham in the County | of Sussex Esq. who Departed | This Life the 29 Day of | February in the 78th year | of Her Age And in the year | of our Lord 1699 and was | Interred near this place. | John Peck of this Town | gent. erected this | Monument.

In Hope of a Joyful Resurrection

Here lyeth ye Body of Alex^r. | son of ALEXANDER LEITH | Vicar of this Church & | Martha his wife he | departed this life ye 11th | of June 1709 Aet: 9°.

Here lyeth ye Body of Thomas Son of Mr. THOMAS SALUSBURY citizen of Lon | don & Martha his wife now | ye wife of ALEX^R LEITH he | departed this life May | ye 11th 1711 Aet: 17°.

To the | Sacred memory of | JOHN PECK gent. | who with his plentiful fortune | Imploy'd & relieved the poor, was | twice Mayor of this Town and many | years a faithful Justice of the Peace. He | Marryed Ann the eldest daughter of RALPH | SMITH, gent: of whom he had six children but | two only daughters who with his sorrowful widow did survive him. he departed this | Life much lamented October the | 6th An° Aeta: 53 | Dom^i 1713.

Arms.—Arg. on a chevron gules, 3 crosses formée of the field, PECK; Impaling—Azure, two bars wavy ermine, on a chief or, a demi-lion rampant sable. SMITH, of Hough, co. Chester.

M.S. | Under this place lieth the body of | Mr. JOHN PARADINE | Gent. who departed this life | March ye 25th 1686 | And of Martha his wife daughter | of Mr. SIMON BECKETT of this | town Gent. who departed this life | June ye 19th 1717 | And of MARY CAPEL, widow | of Robert Capell, Citizen | of London and daughter of ye s^d | John & Martha Paradine | who departed this life | Aug. ye 2^d 1718.

M.S. | Fecit Elugens Vidua, | Dulcissimo indulgentissimo Conjugi: | FRANCISCO BRACE Generoso. | Fortis qui semper in suis saepe sed motus | Publicis Casibus tristis dolebat | Patriae insanientis (in Sacris & Civilibus) discordes animos | Mollis inertiae infraenataeq' Licentiae | Castigator atq' Censor Morum prudentorum degeneris Aevi | Inter Familiares, Lenior nemo | Creditis in rebus, fidelis fidus amicis | Egenis et nudis, Misericors, et pius | Benevotus Omnibus | Huic prima duarum Conjugum quas habuit | FRANCISCA Georgij BECK de Hundon in Com. | Suff. Generosi filia; Georgium et Franciscam | (nondiu superstites) Amoris pignora dedit: | Secunda ANNA, Cohaeres olim | Joannis THURLOE de Astwood | in com. Bucks, Arm., quam reliquit viduam | E quâ suscepit duas filias Annam et | Annam Mariam quae infantes obiere | cum duobis filiis | Ioannem Thurloe | et | Franciscum | Adhuc | Viventes |

Arms.—Sa. a bend betw. 2 hands & arms couped at the elbows ar., habited in mail ppr. BRACE of co. Worc., impaling—a chev. erm. betw. 3 roses or 4 foils.*

Sacred to the Memory | of MARGARETT FLETCHER | who was Born January 11th 1699 | & died January 17th 1781 | Full of years & Good Works. | Here | also lieth the Body of Eliz: | Ekins Fletcher Sister of | Margaret Fletcher | who departed this Life December | the 16th 1782 Aged 80 years.

Sacred | to the memory | of the Revd WILL^M SMITH, A.M. | Prebendary of Lincoln | Rector of Barton in the Clay | & upwards of thirty years | Vicar of this Parish | He died May 6 1782 | Aged 57 years.

Underneath Rest ye Venerable Ashes | of ALEXANDER LEITH, M.A. | Prebendary of Lincoln | And 43 years Vicar of this Parish | And Rector of S^t. Cuthbert's in this Town | A Constant Learned and Instructive Preacher | Assiduous and Unwearied in all ye Duties of His Holy Function | Who lived (as He taught) what was Great & Good. | Of unblemished Integrity and singular Humanity | Serious and exemplary Devotion, | Condescension and Charity. | Wisely He temper'd the Austerity of His Religion with the Chearfulness becoming | An Holy Innocent and Benevolent mind. | Who, besides His continual labours in these great Cures, | Was frequently called out | To the Defence of Religion in general | And the Church of England in particular. | He is now gone to that Blessed place | For which He had prepared Numbers before. | Ob^t Oct: 11th 1732 Æt. 74.

In Memory of | HENRY HORTON Gent. | An eminent Attorney at Law | And Clerk of the Peace | For this Town & County. | He died | Greatly Lamented | January 26th 1759 | In the 55 year of his age.

Near this place | lieth the Body of | GREY ARNALD gent. | and also of | Katherine his wife | She Died March the 15 | 1755 | aged 71.

[Here lyeth] the body of Mar—— | —— sonne of JOHN | B—— of Spalldich In the | County of Huntington yeoman | Prentice to Mr. NICHOLLS —— | Ford Hee departed this life | September 25 1677 and lies | Here interred.

* Francis Brace was bur. 22 Dec. 1712, and Anne, his wid. was bur. 28 Jul. 1723. See p. 41 *ante*.

Near this place | are deposited the Remains of | Mrs. FRANCES DURHAM | Relict of the Rev^d Mr. John Durham, A.M. | Rector of St Mildred Bread Street | in the City of London | Daughter | of JOSEPH ARIS of Adstone | in the County of Northampton, Gent. | She | departed this life, July the 6th 1740: | in the 70th year of Her Age: | And had Issue two Daughters | Frances and Letitia. | Frances | died in the year 1721 : | and was buried at Wappenham | in Northamptonshire. | Letitia | Her surviving Daughter married | Mr. ROBERT BATTISON Merch^t. | She | out of a grateful memory to the best | of Mothers, caused this monument | to be erected.

To the Memory of | Mrs. MARY SMITH Relict | of the Reverend William Smith | Many years Vicar of this Parish | and Rector of Barton in the Clay in this County. | She was one of the Daughters of | THOMAS HAWES Esq. formerly of this Town | and died on the 11th Day of April 1792 | in the 57th year of her age.

In Memory of ROBERT BATTISSON | Merchant an Alderman of this Corporation | in which having served the highest Offices | with distinguished Integrity and Ability | he died much esteemed and lamented the | 21st of December 1747 in ye 43^d year of his Age | His widow, by whose order this Monument | was erected was Lætitia Daughter of | the Reverend JOHN DURHAM Rector of St Mildred Bread Street in the City of | London She finished a life of Piety and | Resignation under a long Series of Sick | ness & Infirmities the 14th of October 1788 | aged 87 years, and pursuant to her last | request was buried in this place near her | Husband.

Here lyeth the body of | GEORGE WAGSTAFFE on of | the Aldermen | of this town | who departed this life the | 28 of Ivly 1705 | in the 40th year of his age.

Underneath this Stone | Are deposited ye Remains of FRANCES | wife of ye Rev^d Mr. CHARLES FLETCHER, | Rector of Clophill in this County | She Departed this life a truly | Good Christian justly lamented | by her Family and Friends | the 2^d Day of December | in the year of our Lord 1738 | Aged 69 years.

Extramural.

Beneath lie the Remains | of the Revd JOHN WINSMORE CROWE, A.B. | who departed this life | on the 13th of July 1794 | in the 50th year of his age.

Near this place | are interred the Remains of | the Rev. JOHN HEMSTED, A.M. | Who departed this life | on the 20th day of July 1813 | in the 25th year of his age | Also of the Rev[d] John Hemsted | his father | upwards of 11 years Vicar of this Parish | Who departed this life | on the 24th day of February 1824 | in the 78th year of his age. | Also Charlotte Relict of the above | who died November 5th 1861.

SIR WILLIAM HARPER, KNT.

THERE was a knight named Harper before Sir William, the Lord Mayor, whose memory is associated with the town of Bedford. Sir George Harper was knighted by Edward VI. on 22 Feb. in the first year of his reign (1546–7). The arms attributed to him are those of the Derbyshire family, commonly called Harpur (Metcalfe's *Book of Knights*, 1885, p. 93). As no other knight of the name is mentioned at the period, it can scarcely be doubted that "Luce, Lady Harpur," who was buried at Ridgmont, 3 Aug. 1551, was his wife. The same Sir George appears to have left a widow, named Audrey, who was afterwards married to George Carleton, of Wollaston, co. N'ton. In the *Visitations of Northamptonshire*, ed. Metcalfe, 1887, p. 9, Sir George, there called Harpur, is described as of Sutton, Kent.

With regard to the burial of Sir William Harper, the entry in the register of St. Paul's, Bedford, cited by Mr. Cary Elwes (*Beds Notes and Queries*, Vol. I. p. 28), must, no doubt, be given up as an interpolation. Yet I believe, on the combined evidence of his will and the inscription on his gravestone, that he was interred in St. Paul's church, where also the burial of his widow was contemplated. As she married a second husband, and a third, no doubt she was in fact buried elsewhere. The only other place where it is at all likely that Sir William would be interred is the church of St. Mary Woolnoth, London, in which parish he resided, where his first wife was interred in 1569, and where it is believed that he died. As his name is not recorded in the register of burials for the year 1573 at St. Mary Woolnoth (transcribed in 1599), it may fairly

be presumed that he was not buried there. All the evidence we have is in favour of his burial at Bedford.

The fullest and best account of Sir William Harper which has yet been written is that by the late Mr. John Gough Nichols, F.S.A., printed in *Transactions of the London and Middlesex Archæological Society*, vol. iv. pp. 70–93; also in *Proceedings of the Evening Meetings* of the same Society, First Issue, pp. 50–73. The numerous errors of preceding writers are therein corrected by a master's hand.

With reference to the plate of Sir William Harper's gravestone, facing p. 1, it should be noticed that there were upon it originally two shields of arms, uniform in size, one above each figure; and that before 1812, when Fisher's plate was published, that above the lady's head was lost. The last-mentioned shield, doubtless, contained the arms of Harper impaling Leedare or Lethers. When the brasses were relaid, the only remaining shield was put in the middle.

H. G.

ERRATA. VOL. III.

P. 2, line 11, *read* "London and Middlesex Archæological Society."
,, line 15, *read* "vol. i."
P. 3, line 4, *read* "St. Mary Woolnoth's."

ANCIENT DEEDS RELATING TO BEDFORD.

The following are transcripts of two old deeds preserved in the Muniment Room of the Corporation, marked "D 27." and "A 2." On the back of the first is endorsed in contemporary handwriting "*Carta Mag'ri Rob'ti Correy redd. xij^d p' duos Anni terminos.*" The seals, as is generally the case, are wanting, and no date is mentioned; but from the character of the writing I should be inclined to assign them to the commencement of the thirteenth century.

F. A. B.

"Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Magister Robertus Coreye de Bedef: dedi concessi et hac presenti carta mea confirmavi Alicie de Boyssedene pro servicio suo duas

acras terre mee jacentes in campis de Bedef: super quercum inter terram [Will'i C]ullebere et terram que quondam fuit Ricardi Oliver & lanceant a terrâ Johannis Culleberi usque ad Regiam Viam que ducet versus ?*prioratum* Habendum et tenendum totam predictam terram cum sua longitudine et latitudine et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis quibuscunque predicte Alicie et heredibus suis vel cui quando ubi dare vendere legare vel assignare voluerint libere quiete bene inpace inperpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim Johanni Cullebere et heredibus suis et assignatis duodecim denarios ad duos anni terminos videlicet ad festum sanncti Michaelis sex denarios et ad festum Sanncte marie in Marcio sex denarios et mihi et heredibus meis vel assignatis unum granum piperis ad pascham pro omni genere servicii exactione et demanda et ego predictus magister Robertus Coreye et heredes mei vel assignati totam predictam terram cum sua longitudine et latitudine et omnibus aliis pertinenciis suis quibuscunque predicte Alicie de Boyssedene et heredibus suis vel assignatis sicut plenius prescriptum est per prenominatum servicium contra omnes gentes Warantizabimus acquietabimus et defendemus inperpetuum In hujus rei testimonium presenti scripto sigillum meum apposui Hiis testibus Thoma de Ippegrave tunc Alderemano Bedef: Henrico Salewy Johanne filio Ricardi Lec tunc ballivis Johanne Cullebere Roberto de Steventon ?tunc*—et sciendum est quod quicunque predictam terram tenebit faciet sectam ad Curiam Johannis Cullebere."

Omnibus Christi fidelibus presens scriptum visuris aut audituris ffrater Johannes magister Hospitalis sancti Johannis Baptiste Bedefordie [et ejusdem] domus ffratres salutem in domino Noveritis nos vnanimi consensu & assensu nostro dedisse et concessisse & hac presenti carta [nostra] confirmasse Rogero Mareschal Bedefordie unum messuagium cum pertinenciis in villa Bedefordie in parochia sancti Cuthberti quod quidem messuagium continet in latitudine duas perticas & xij pedes & in longitudine xix perticas sicut jacet iuxta messuagium Johannis le——— ex parte ? *North* ex opposito ecclesie sancti Cuthberti Tenendum & habendum dicto Rogero et heredibus suis de nobis & successoribus nostris

* This word is hardly legible, being at the extreme edge of the parchment. Mr. Gibbons, to whom I showed the deed, thinks it might be "cum aliis."—Ed.

libere quiete & in pace in perpetuum Reddendo inde annuatim nobis & successoribus nostris duos solidos argenti ad quatuor anni terminos videlicet ad festum sancti michaelis sex denarios et ad festum sancti andree sex denarios et ad festum sancte marie in marcio sex denarios ad nativitat' sancti Johannis Baptiste sex denarios per omnibus secularibus serviciis & demandis Et si contigerit quod prædictus Rogerus vel heredes sui in solucione predictorum . . . . cessaverint . . . . liceat magistro & fratribus qui pro tempore fuerint dictum messuagium intrare ceysere cum omnibus catallis . . . . et illud . . . . contradictione aliquo in perpetuum . . . . Nos et successores nostri predictum messuagium cum pertinenciis prefato et heredibus suis contra omnes gentes warantizabimus in perpetuum In cuius rei testimonium presenti scripto in modo cyrografphi . . . . sigilla sua apposuerunt Hiis testibus magistro Johanne de Donstaple Domino Matheo Rectore ecclesie sancte marie Bedefordie Johanne Slye tunc maiore Bedefordie Roberto Byssop tunc ballivo Johanne Curreye et aliis.

Some Bedfordshire Wills.

Abstracted from the Original Wills, and certified copies, at the District Court of Probate, Northampton.

(Continued from p. 84.)

Simon Latham, of Bletsoe, 22 July, 1642. To be bur. in Bletsoe Church. To s. Oliver £50, now in the hands of Oliver, Lord St. John, of Bletsoe. All his ppty. to be sold and given to wife, whom he appoints sole extrix.; if she marry, then to his daurs. Frances and Elizabeth. Pr. 19 May, 1649.

Edward Lacon, of Willian, co. Herts, Esq., 6 Sept. 1642.* To be bur. in chancel of Willian ch. near to my wife. To da. Eliz'th Neale £100, which George Lacon, of Kenley, county Salop, gent., oweth me, also a bason & ewer of silver p'cell gilt, which was bought at her christening. To grandchild Walter Neale, s. of my sd. da. Eliz'th,

* There appears to be some error in the date.—Ed.

£100, being the sum my son-in-law Henry Neale, Esq., oweth me. To grand-da. Frances, d. of Eliz'th Neale, £100, and to grandchild Lacon Neale, s. & h. of Henry Neale, my s.-in-law, all my lands, &c., in Willian, & in Hornsey & Hogsden, co. Midds, on condition of paying £20 per annum to his mother. To s.-in-law, Mr. Thomas Wilson, & to d.-in-law, Mrs. Ann Butler, a ring of gold of 20*s.* ea. To John Brockett, s. & h. of John Brockett, Esq., my s.-in-law, £20. To Lacon Brockett, da. of sd. John B. & Jane his wife (my da. decd.), £20. Residue to grandchild Lacon Neale, sole exor. Sr. Edward Bromeley, Kt., Baron of the Exchequer, & Sr. Francis Lacon, Kt., to be overseers. Pr. in P.C.C. 9 Nov. 1625. Exhibited at Bedford 25 Mar. 1626.

HUMPHREY LANE, of Bedford, gent., 20 July, 1667. To wife Mary a messuage in Shenley, co. Bucks, & meadows in sa. for life, remainder to eld. s. Robert & his heirs male, in default to s. John. To brother Edward L. £150, & to d. Mary £200. To brothers-in-law Mr. Wallis, & Mr. Thomas Crafts, 10*s.* ea., appoints them overseers. Wife Mary to be sole extrix. Pr. 10 Dec. 1667.

THE REV. THOMAS ORLEBAR MARSH, VICAR OF STEVENTON.

A short memoir of this gentleman, who died at the Manor House, Felmersham, on December 25th, 1831, will be found in *Gent. Mag.* 1832, Vol. 102, Part I. p. 281. His MS. Collections relative to the County of Bedford, were sold by Messrs. Leigh and Sotheby, of Wellington Street, Strand, on August 4th, 1832. They comprised:

Accounts of Birchmore House, Apsley Guise, Woburn Abbey, etc. with a Memoir of the Bedford Family. Lot 405, 17*s.* Rodd.

Biographical Account of the most eminent Persons of the County of Bedford. 2 vols. 4to. Lot 406, £3 7*s.* Rodd. (Now Add. MS. 21,067, Brit. Mus.)

Miscellaneous Papers, Deeds, etc., of various Manors in Bedfordshire. Lot 409, £2 2*s.* Rodd.

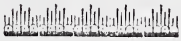
MS. Collections for the Antiquities of Bedfordshire. 12 vols. Lot 410, £6 10*s.* Wilson. ("These volumes form a series of mature information and interesting materials towards a correct history of the county."—*Gent. Mag.* 1832, Vol. 102, Part II. p. 161.)

Original Letters from Literary Men to Mr. Marsh (comprising several hundred Letters relative to the History of Bedfordshire, from Messrs. Curtis, Dixon, Sowerby, Martyn, H. H. Goodhall, etc.) Lot 411, £2 2s. Dawson Turner.

Extensive Collection of Papers relative principally to the Natural History of Bedfordshire. Lot 412, £2 4s. Rodd.

DANIEL HIPWELL.

34, *Myddleton Square, Clerkenwell.*



EXTRACTS FROM RECORD BOOKS OF COMMISSIONERS FOR AUGMENTATIONS OF RECTORIES AND VICARAGES, LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY.

BIGGLESWADE.

By an Order dated 11 October, 1655, it was ordered amongst other payments yt Mr. Ffrancis Church Recr. doo from time to time pay unto Robert Perrett, minister, of Deane the y'rly rent of £30 out of the tythe of Biggleswade "for & in full satisfac'ion of all such augmentac'ons allowances and payments as hee standeth charged to pay since the 25 of March last to be made and continued to them for such time as they shall discharge the dutyes of their severall places in respect whereof the same are granted or till further ordr of the said Trustees too be accounted from the said 25 day of March last past provided yt where any of the aforesaid persons have received any augmentac'ons or allowances due to them since the said 25 of March that ye payments to bee made unto them bee accounted from their last receipts only" (MS. 972, f. 328).

June 18 1657.

Ordered that Mr. Francis Church Receiver doe pay all arrears of the augmentac'on graunted to the Minister of Biggleswade in ye county of Bedford or certifie the obstruction to these Trustees by the 5th of July next (MS. 974, fo. 477).

DEANE.—Septemb'r 26th 1651.

In pursuance of an order of the Comm'ttee for Reformac'on of the Universities of the 21st May 1651 It is ordered that the yearly rent of twenty poundes vizt. twelve poundes out of the Rectory of Deane in the County of Bedford reserved to the Deane and Chapter of Worcester and eight poundes out of the Rectory of Biggleswade reserved to the Deane and Chapter of Windsour be continued unto Mr. perrott Minister of the said Deane And it is further ordered in pursuance of the said Order of the Comm'ttee for reformac'on of the Universities that the further yearly sume of thirty poundes be and the same is hereby granted unto him for a further increase of his mainten'ce to commence from the 25th day of March last his pri'te* allowance being expressed by the said order to be but xx*li.* a yeare. John Thorowgood. Fran's West. Geo. Cowper. Rich : Young.

Jo. Pocock. (MS. 976, f. 1.)

Septemb'r 26th 1651.

In pursuance of an order of the said Trustees of this 26th of Septembr instant grounded on an order of the Comittee for Reformation of the Universities of the 21st of May 1651 It is ordered that Mr. James Elsby Recr. doe from time to time pay unto Mr. Robert Perrott Minr. of the parish church of Deane in the county of Bedford the yearly rent of Twenty poundes (vizt.) twelve poundes a year out of the Rectory of Deane aforesaid reserved to the Deane and Chaptr of Worcester and eight poundes a year out of the Rectory of Biggleswade reserved to the Deane and Chaptr of Windsor for and during such time as the said Mr. Perrott shall continue to officiate ye cure of the said church and till the said Trustees shall give further order therein the said augmentac'on to be accompted from the 25th March last his p'sent maintenance being by the said ordr expressed to bee but twenty poundes a yeare.

Jo. Thorowgood. Jo. Browne. ffra. West. Jo. Pocock. Ric. Young. *(Ibid.)*

Decembr 31st 1651.

In pursuance of an order of the said Trustees of the 26th of Septembr last grounded on an order of the Comm'ttee

* Present ?

for Reformac'on of the Universities of the 21st May 1651 It is ordered that Mr. James Elsby Recr. doe from time to time continue and pay unto Mr. Perrot Minister of the parish church of Deane in the County of Bedford the yearly sume of fifty pounds vizt. the rent of £12 a yeare reserved out of the imp'priate rectory of Deane aforesaid to the Deane and Chapter of Worcester & eight pounds a year reserved to the late Dean and Chapter of Windsor out of the impropriate rectory of Bigleswade in the said County and the sume of thirty pounds a yeare more out of the rents & profitts of tithes vested in the said Trustees in all amounting unto the yearly sume of £50 as aforesd the same to be accompted from the 25th March last and from thence to be continued and paid for and during such time as the said Mr. Perrot shall continue to officiate the cure of the parish church of Deane aforesd and till further ordr of the said Trustees his present mainten'ce being by the said order expressed to be but twenty pounds a yeare.

Jo. Thorowgood.—(*Ibid.*)

April 22nd, 1653.

The above order confirmed and then proceeds "which Mr. ffrancis Church Recr. is hereby ordered to pay unto the said Mr. Perrot accordingly."

Thursday May 20th 1658.

Mr. Hall, Mr. Humphrey,
Mr. Sydenham, Mr. Young.

That augme'acon is in pay to Mr. Rawlins ½ yeare arreare. (MS. 985, f. 70.)

Thursday Apr. 29 1658.

sr. Jo. Thorowgood,
Mr. Cresset, Mr. Pocock,
Mr. Sydenham, Mr. Young.

Add £10 remainder of Aug'ton (*Ibid*).

POTTON.—Decr. 9th 1659.

Where as the vicarage of ye parish church of Potton in ye County of Bedford exceedeth not ye yearely value of forty poundes & the said parish containeth a Market Towne In pursuance of an Order of the Committee for

plundred Ministre in that behalf it is ordered that the yearely su'me of twenty poundes be graunted to & for increase of mainten'nce of such godly & painfull preachers of ye gospell as shall be from time to time settled Ministre of ye said parish churche and approved of as by Authority of Parliam't is directed and the same be from time to time paid unto Mr. Esdras Marshall of whose godly conversac'on ability & fitness for ye said place these Trustees have received good testimony To hold from ye 29th day of September last for such time as he shall continue faithfully to discharge ye duty of Ministre of ye said place or further Order And that Mr. Lawrence Steele Trea'r doe pay ye same vnto the said Mr. Marshall accordingly.

Jo. Thorowgood. Wm. Steele. Jo. Pocock.
Richd. Yong. Wm. Skynner (MS. 987, f. 159).

BIGGLESWADE.—November 29th, 1659.

Ordered that the ten'nt of the impropriate tithes of Biggleswade in the County of Bedford doe produce vnto these Trustees on the fourteenth day of December next the p'sent lease by which he holdeth the s'd tithes to the end these Trustees may be satisfied concerning the covenants thereof when he is to show cause why he should not pay the arreares of Sepdismes payable out of the said Rectory (MS. 987, f. 102).

March 20th, 1658.

Ordered that the yearely sume of fforty poundes be and the same is hereby granted to the Minister of Biggleswade in the County of Bedford to and for increase of his maintence His Highness and the Councell having approved thereof the 15 May 1656. And it is further Order that the said fforty poundes a yeare be from time to time paid vnto Mr. Wm. Rawlins Minister of Biggleswade aforesaid (approved according to the ordinance for approbac'on of publique preachers the 18th of March 1656) to hold for such time as he shall discharge the duty of Minister of the said place or untill further Order these Trustees out of the rents and profitte of the rectory of Biggleswade aforesaid to be accompted

from the 29th September 1656 And that Mr. Ffrancis Church receiver doe pay the same accordingly.

Jo. Pocock, Ric. Hall, Edw. Cressett. Ric. Yong,
Jo. Humphrey (MS. 993, f. 128).

ffebruary 11 1651.

Ordered that the arreares of tenthes due out of the Vicarage of Biggleswade in the County of Bedford be paid out of the augmentac'on to become due the 25th day of March next to the Minister of Biggleswade aforesaid And that the remainder of the said augmentac'on the said tenthes being first satisfied be paid to such person as shalbee then duly setled and approved Ministr of the said place.

Jo. Thorowgood, Edw. Cressett, Rich. Sydenham,
Jo. Pocock, Ric. Hall (MS. 995, f. 70).

J. G. R.

CRAWLEY FAMILY.

In my account of the Crawley family, of Stockwood Park, on page 274 of No. XXI. *Beds Notes and Queries*, I ask for information about Thomas Crawley, M.B., of Dunstable, who, in 1748, was High Sheriff of Bedfordshire. From information I now have, it appears that Robert Crawley, *Dr. of Physick*, married, in 1663, Joane, d. of Richard Taverner, of Hexton, co. Herts, being then about 38 years of age. His children, baptized at Dunstable, were—

1670	John,	bapt.	Oct. 4.
1672	Katherine	,,	2 May.
1675	Robert	,,	Dec. 30.

John, born in 1670, was of Lincoln College, Oxford, matriculated in 1688, taking the B.A. degree Oct. 27th, 1692. He apparently settled in Dunstable, and I shall be glad to hear if anything further is known of him, and who he married. The Dunstable register gives the following entries :—

1708 Ann, dau. of John & Ann Crawley, gent. bapt^{d}. June 15.
1711 John, son ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, bapt. 30 . . . . .
1713 Thos. ye son ,, ,, ,, ,, ,, bapt^{d}. 15 9^{ber}.
1727 Doctr Croaly, gent., buried 30 November.
1741–2 Jane Crawley, widow, buried Feb. 27th.
1774 Benj. son of Thos. & Alice Crawley, born April 29, 1769, bapt^{d}. Oct. 19, 1774.

Thomas Crawley, M.B., of Dunstable, was a churchwarden for that parish in 1750, as his name appears on the cover of the Register beginning in that year, together with his fellow churchwarden Joseph Pomfrett, gent., and Thomas Hill, A.M., Rector. On page 500, in the June number of the *Gentleman's Mag.* for 1807, I find the following in a letter entitled, *Memoirs of Dr. Nathaniel Cotton*: "All that I have ever heard of his (D^{r}. Cotton's) outset in life was, that there was formerly at Dunstable, in Bedfordshire, a house for the reception of lunatics, kept by a D^{r}. Crawley, at whose death the establishment broke up: but D^{r}. Cotton engaged D^{r}. Crawley's housekeeper and a few of his remaining patients to remove with him to St. Albans, where he opened a house of a similar kind on a small scale." In the May number of the same magazine it appears that D^{r}. Cotton, who was a man of some poetical merit, died at St. Albans in 1788, having established there a large practice and a good reputation. The registers between 1700 and 1800 give other entries of Crawleys, but they do not seem to belong to the physician's family. The name of Crawley was known in Dunstable 50 years ago, as the tombstones in the churchyard show. I copied the following lately:—

"Sacred to the m. of Kitty wife of George
Crawley who departed this life
Novr. 11th, 1830, aged 53 years
also of
George Crawley
who died Jan. 12th, 1840, aged 65 years."

On another—

"Mary Edith Crawley
Born March 21 in the year 18 . .
Died Sept. . . 1812."

This Mr. George Crawley was, I am told, a wine merchant, but whether he was related to the physician's family I am unable to say.

I expect that Thomas Crawley, bapt. at Dunstable 15 Oct. 1713, is identical with Thomas Crawley, M.B., the

H.S. of Beds in 1748. I should suppose, from the fact that he was Sheriff of the County, that he was a man of means. I should be glad to know whether he was married, and, if so, to whom—possibly Benjamin Crawley, bapt. 19th Oct. 1774 (born 1769), was his son. I have some old medical works with the book-plate of Tho. Crawley in my possession—an Aldine edition of Cicero with the same bookplate and name, which was found by a brother of mine in a second-hand bookshop in Oxford, is now in the library at Stockwood Park.

I wonder whether the burial of *Doctr. Croaley*, gent., 30 Nov. 1727, is that of Dr. Robert Crawley, or one of his sons. If it is that of Robert Crawley, he must have been about 102, for he was married in 1663, being then about 38 years of age. It is not improbable that it was that of his son John, bapt. 4 Oct. 1670, and that he succeeded to his father's practice, and was in turn succeeded by his son Thomas, the High Sheriff of Beds of 1748. Is there a list of medical men, other than Munk, to which I could refer for information about the Dunstable Crawleys, who seem to have been a family of doctors? I believe Dr. Robert C. is the only one mentioned in Munk's list. I could not find any monuments in Dunstable church to the Crawleys. It is curious there are none to Dr. Robert Crawley, 4th son of Sir Francis, or to Thomas Crawley, M.B., High Sheriff of Beds, 1748, and who was probably living in 1769, if the entry of the baptism of Benjamin in the Dunstable register, 1774, is that of his son.

In *Beds Notes and Queries*, Part V., page 156, is a reference to a petition as follows: "Luton, June 17, 1618, Sir Robert Napier & Art. Crawley to the Council," etc. I should be glad to know who this Art. Crawley was. By the will of Anne Crawley, of Sumeris, in par. of Luton, spr. 8 Dec. 1681 (see p. 53 *ante*), there appears to have been some connexion between a family of Crawleys with that of Sir John Napier of Luton Hoe.

Can any one identify the following from a list of Oxford Graduates?

HUMPH. CRAWLEY, Magd. Hall, B.A., Mar. 18, 1733.

EDMUND JONES CRAWLEY, Jesus Coll., B.A., May 28, 1813; M.A., June 17, 1818.

[He was a son of Admiral Edmund Crawley, b. 1756, who married at Carnarvon, in 1787, Elizabeth Jones.

E.J.C. was a Prebendary of Wells, and died in or near Bath about 18 , and his father, the Admiral, died in Bath in 1835, and was buried at Claverston.] I should much like to find out who Admiral Edmund Crawley was.

In the Supplement to *Gent. Mag.* 1801, appears the following:—"16 Oct. at Aber, co. Carnarvon, Capt. John Crawley, of the royal navy, to Miss Roberts, daughter of the late Rev^d. Griffith Roberts, many years rector of that parish." Who was this Capt. John Crawley, R.N., and is anything known of him?

H. H. CRAWLEY.

Heyford, Weedon.

ANGLO-SAXON REMAINS AT LEIGHTON BUZZARD.

THE following are extracts from a lecture delivered at the *Working Men's Institute*, in February last by Dr. Lawford, F.S.A., "On the Inhabitants of Britain prior to the Norman Conquest, illustrated by objects of a remote antiquity found at Leighton Buzzard and in the neighbourhood."

Those who knew the town of Leighton fifty years since will remember that it was bounded on the North by an extensive heath, rough and covered with gorse, which had never been brought into cultivation, but two circular mounds of considerable size, "tumuli," attract the attention of the traveller on the north-west as he passes along its sandy lanes. These, although cut down and defaced, are still to be seen distinctly. This heath-land was put up for sale by auction some years since, the purchasers being the late Mr. Bassett, and the late Mr. Lawford, and it was during the process of levelling and digging sand on Mr. Lawford's estate that these Anglo-Saxon remains were chiefly discovered.

The urns are sepulchral, of the Anglo-Saxon period, made of partially burnt clay; they are contracted at the mouth, made by hand, not on the potter's wheel like many Romano-British vessels of an earlier period; they are in colour dark brown, having projecting knobs, with zig-zag or encircling lines, with straw ornamentation, and what Sir J. Lubbock calls "thumb-nail marks." They contain human bones after the process of cremation, some portions

of which are easily recognized by the osteologist, and to this ancient method of disposal of the dead we are again returning. If "dust to dust," why not ashes to ashes?

The following is a list of objects found on the Heath or in its immediate neighbourhood, and I venture to think it is a list worthy of being placed on permanent record, since a great authority, Mr. Augustus Franks, considered some of them to be of sufficient importance to find a resting-place in our great National Collection, the British Museum, where they may now be seen:

1. A large Anglo-Saxon urn, plain, containing burnt bones.
2. A smaller ditto ditto.
3. Ditto, with straw and thumb-marks.
4. Fragment of large urn.
5. Ditto small urn.
6. Lid of an urn, red Samian ware, potter's mark "Albani op."
7. Ditto ditto fragment.
8. Fibula, bronze, harp-shaped. } In the
9. Ditto, bronze, plaited with gold, circular. } British Museum.
10. A large crystal bead, part of a necklace. }
11. Neolithic celt, highly polished.
12. Ditto, notched.
13. Upchurch ware, two specimens, light bluish grey colour.
14. Three unbaked vessels, quite pale.
15. "Urbs Roma," bronze coin of the Republic period. Romulus and Remus under the Wolf.
16. Two gold Roman coins.

From the interesting paper by Mr. Elger, which appeared in the January number of this publication, it would appear that our county is almost as rich in Prehistoric remains as is Abbeville, and the Valley of the Somme, and it is much to be regretted that no safe depository, in the way of a Museum, exists where such illustrative memorials of a bygone age can be safely preserved, for it is difficult to overrate the precise value of the information which the study of ancient pottery has been the means of affording as a contribution to the history of the world, and by means of which we are enabled to trace these primitive vessels absolutely to their original source.

Priuilegia.

I. Innocentius Eps seruus seruor dei. Dilectis filiis Willo Capellani et fratribus ecclie sce Marie de Bisseymade Salis et aplice bn. Justis petentium desideriis dignum et nos fauorabile prebere consensum et uota que a rationis tramite non discordant effectu prosequente complere. Ea propter dilecti in dno filii uestris justis postulationibus grato concurrentes assensu. psonas uras cum omnibus bonis tam ecclasticis qm mundanis que in presenciarum iuste et canonice possidetis. aut in futurum justis modis prestante dno poterit adipisci. sub beati pri et mei protectione suscipimus. Spiritum autem terras quas Hugo de Bello Campo filius Olinee. ecclie mee contulit. sicut multrum cenobio venerabilis fratris mei Lucii Epi piencuerunt. et nos iuste ac pacifice possidetis. uobis ac per uos ecclie uree auctoritate aplica confirmamus et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Nulli ergo omino hominum liceat hanc paginam uree protectionis et confirmationis infringere uel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit. indignationem omnipotentis dei et beatorum petri et pauli aplorum eius se nouerit incursurum. Datum Lateranis. v. kls. Januarii. Pontificatus uri anno II.

II. Honorius Eps seruus seruorum dei. Dilectis filiis Prioui et Conuentui de Bisseymade Lincolniensis diocesis Salis et aplice bndcom. Sancte Romane ecclie deuotos et humiles filios et affectu pietatis offitio paternis diligere affectibus et ne prauorum hominum molestiis agitentur. eos tanquam pia mater fouere protectionis munimine consolere. Ea propter dilecti in dno filii uris justis precibus inclinati. psonas et monasterium uestrum in quo domino mancipati estis obsequio cum omnibus bonis que idem monasterium in presenciarum iuste ac canonice possidet aut in futurum prestante dno iustis modis poterit adipisci. sub beati pri et mei protectione suscipimus. Spiritum autem possessiones. decimas. domos. molendina. nemora. prata. pasturas. piscaria. nec non libertates et immunitates a magnatibus Anglie uobis concessas. ac alia bona ura licet ea omnia iuste ac pacifice obtinetis uobis et per uos eidem monasterio auctoritate aplica confirmamus et presentis scripti patrocinio communimus. Nulli ergo omino hominum liceat hanc paginam uree protectionis et confirmationis infringere. uel ei ausu temerario contraire. Si quis autem hoc attemptare presumpserit. indignationem omnipotentis dei et beatorum petri et pauli aplorum eius se nouerit incursurum. Datum Lateranis. vii. id. Februarii. Pontificatus uri anno. II.

III. Quinto Confirmatio Gregorii. Gregorius Eps seruus seruorum dei. Dilectis filiis Prioui et monasterii de Bisseymade eius qi fratribus tam presentibus quam futuris regulariter uitam professis in perpetuum. Religiosam uitam

BEDFORDSHIRE

NOTES AND QUERIES.

The Bushmead Cartulary.

BUSHMEAD PRIORY was founded by Hugh, son of Oliver de Beauchamp, in the twelfth century, for Canons of the order of S. Augustine, and was dedicated to the B.V.M. It was situated in the parish of Eaton-Socon, on the borders of Huntingdonshire, and appears to have been substantially endowed. At the dissolution of the Monasteries this House, with its lands in Bedfordshire, was granted to Sir William Gascoigne, of Cardington, Knt., and soon after it came into the possession of the Gery family, with whom it still remains. Of the monastic buildings but little now is left; a portion of the Chapel or Refectory, with some traces of stained glass, is used as a lumber room, or barn.

Though the buildings have well-nigh disappeared, fortunately the Cartulary has been preserved, and, owing to the courtesy of its present possessor, W. Hugh Wade-Gery, Esq., I am enabled to present my readers with a facsimile (except as to colours) of the first folio, and also a tabulated summary of its contents. I have likewise transcribed a list of Priors written on the recto of the second leaf, eleven of which, commencing with Joseph de Copmanford, are beautifully written in an early fifteenth century hand. On the verso of the same leaf is a "Taxatio" of the possessions of the Monastery in the same hand as the rest of the book. Words within ( ) are additions by a later hand; those within [ ] are added by myself.

Noi'a om'i Prior' de Bisshemade.

(Willielmus Cappellanus de Colmord.)

Joseph de Copmanford.
Joh'es Oyldebouf qui obijt monachus Wardon (A° dñi mlmo cc lj°).
Simon de Colesdene.
Ric'us ffolyot temp'e Regis Henric' (tercij).
Simon de Redbourne qui resignauit post l. prelacoīs sue annos (A° E. p'mi & s'cundi).
Rob'tus de lobbenh'm qui resignauit post xxxiiij prelacoīs sue annos (A° E. Tercij).
Ric'us de Stokton qui obijt post ij prelacoīs sue annos.
Simon de Grantesdene qui resignauit post j. & di. prelacoīs sue annū.
Adam de leuerington qui resignauit post ij. & di. prelacoīs sue annos (A° E. t'cij xxix).
Johannes de Ryslee qui resignauit post xxviij prelacoīs sue annos.
Willm's de lytlyngton.
Willm's chanu xxv resignauit.*
Willm's Stokton qui obijt post octo prelacoīs sue Annos.
Thom's Stokton qui resignauit post octo prelacoīs sue Annos.
Robertus de Potton p'or qui resignauit post vnu' Annu' p'lacoīs sue.
Johannes de bosworthe Prior qui obijt post xj & di. prelacionis sue annos.
Magist' gregory norwych p'or q' resignauit post xvij Annos sue p'laciois
Mr Nicholaus Smith p'or q' resignauit post xx prelac' sue Annos.
Dñs Ric. Rorgord quōdm̄ p'or de broke et p'or istius ecclie qui obijt post ij mens' prelac' sue a° Dñi M° v° xxxj° A° r. R. Henrici octaui post conquestu' xxiij°.
Dñs Rob'tus Burre p'or q'. . . . . .

* This, and all that follow, in later and various hands.

Taxacio tempaliū P'orat' de Bisshemade in diu'sis Decanatibus subsc'ptis scd'm magnos Rotulos taxacionū bonor' Religiosor' tā tempaliū qm̄ spūaliū in Dioc' Linc' in Scaccario dñi Regis remanent' finalit' discussa.

Decanat' de Eton.	Prior de Bisshemade hēt in Etoñ de redd' tr' vj.li. duos sol. & v.d. Itm̄ hēt in Bereforde de tr' p'tis. redd' t'gīta septē s. & octo d. Itm̄ hēt ī Wildēn in t'ris . . quinq' solid'. Itm̄ hēt in Stachedeñ in tr' . . . . q'ndecī s. & q'tuor. d.	Bedeford'
Decanat' de Jakele.	Prior de Bisshemade hēt ī Stiltoñ ī tr' redd' mol'. p'tis. . . vij li. & xvj s. Itm̄ hēt in Copmanford' in t'ris. x.s.	
Decanat' de scō Neoto.	Prior de Bisshemade h't ī pua Paxton ī redd' & opibus bondorum . . . xxs. & iij.d. Itm̄ hēt in magna Paxton in redd'. q'nq' solid'. Itm̄ hēt in Southo in tr' . . q'nq' solid'. Itm̄ hēt in Blaiseworth in tr' redd' & p'tis . . . . vj.li. iij.s. & iiij.d.	Hūty'gd'.
	Prior de B. hēt ī Burtoñ & Risshedeñ de redd' . . . . lxiij. s. & iiijd. Sm̄. . . . xxxj. li. vij s. viij. d. Inde decima iij.li. ij.s. ix.d. ob.	Northm̄ton.
Decanat' de Nesse.	Prior de Bisshemade hēt in Talyntoñ ī molend'. xxxvj.s. viijd. Sm̄ patet. Inde decima. iij.s. viij.d.	Lincolñ.
	Prior de B. h't ī Trūpitoñ. Madynglee. Drayton & Brunne in t'ris & redd' . . . . xlv.s. Sm̄ patet. Inde decima. iiij.s. vj.d.	Cantabr'.
	Sm̄ total' tā tēpaliū qm̄ spūal' xxxv.li. xix.s. iiij.d. Inde decima iiijli. x.s. xj.d. ob.	

The volume, which is an excellent state of preservation, bound in the original oak boards, contains 96 leaves of vellum measuring 12 inches by 8, the text occupying a space of $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $4\frac{3}{4}$. The total number of instruments recorded in this volume is 282, of which the following is a summary :—

PRIUILEGIA.

i	Confirmacio	Innoc' pp^{e}. iij. (terras quas Hugo de Bello Campo contulit.) [Datū Leteran'. ij Kl'u Januarij Pontificat' nrī anno primo.]
ii	„	Honor' epī. (possessiones a magnatitus anglios concessus.) [Dat' Lateran' vij Id' Februarij Pontificat' nrī Anno Quinto.]
iij	„	Grgor. pp^{e}. ix. (possessionū, et: privilegiorū.) [Hugh de Beauchamp mentioned as founder.]
iiij	„	Gregor'. pp^{e}. viij. (decimarū in parochia de Eton.) [Dat' Perūsij t'cio Kl'u Junij Pontificat' nrī Anno Tercio.]
v	„	Gregor'. pp^{e}. viij. (generall.)
vj	„	Gregor'. pp^{e}. viiij. (Indulgentia non compelli ad compositio provisioni de ecclesiasticis beneficiis.) [Dat' Viterbu' xiij Kl' Septemb' Pōtificat' nrī anno anno Vndecim'.]
vij	„	Innocencij pp^{e}. iiij. [Dat' Lugdun' Kl' Julij Pōtific' nrī Anno Sexto.]
viij	„	Hugonis dei grā Linc' Epī. (de donatione Hugoni de Bellocampo.)
ix	„	Hugonis dei grā Cantuar' Archiepī. (Confirmationis Episcopi Lincoln'.)
x	„	Willi dei gracia Linc' Epī. (Confirmationis Hugoni.)
xi	„	Confirmacio Simonis dei grā Cant' Archiepī. (Confirmationis dicti Willielm' ep'i Lincoln.) [Dat' ap'd Oseneiam. xiij. Kl'. Septemb'. Anno scd'o relaxacoīs general' interdicti Anglie.]

xij Itm' Confirmacō Simonis dei grā Cant' Archiepī. (de protectione.)

xiij Confirmacio Hugonis scdē dei grā Linc' Epī. (Similis confirm' Hugōni p'decessoriu'.) [Dat' p manu' Willi' de Tourac' Arch'i Stowe. ap'd Meidestañ iij° Kl' Septemb'. Pontificat' nrī Anno Sexto.]

xiiij Composicio de minutis decimis & oblacionib; de Bisshemad'. (In Septēber 1236.)

xv Confirmacio Nich'i de Bello Campo psona eccl'ie de Etoñ. (Literae sepulturae et minutaru' decemaru'.)

xvj Dimissio dnī Walt'i Cant' Archi'epī de iur' p'sētād'. uni' Ca. p R. de Stoktoñ. [Dat' ap'd Dunstapl', v. Kl'. Marcij Anno dnī. Milli'o cccxix.]

BEDEFORD'. ETONE.

i Carta Hug' fil' Oliu'i de Bello Campo.
ij " " " Oliueri de Bello Campo.
iij " Hugonis de Bello Campo fil Oliu'i.
iiij " " de " " fil'. O.
v " Hug'. de " " fil'. O.
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xvij " Hug' de " " fil'. O.
xviij Cōfirmacio Rog'i de Bello Campo fil'. O.
xix " " " " " fil'. O.
xx Itm̄ Rogeri de Bello Campo fil' Oliueri.
xxj Confirmacio Joh'is de Bello Campo.
xxij Carta dñi Will'i de Bello Campo fil Joh'is de Bello Cāpo.
xxiij Final' Cōcord' apd' Glouc' it' Joh'em P'orē & Will'm de Bello Cāpo. [1255.]

xxiiij Carta Will'i de Bello Campo.
xxv „ Will'i de Bello Campo.
xxvj Indēt'a de Cōmun' ī p'to de Etoñ q' uocat' Northbroch. [1336.]
xxvij Carta Will'i de Bello Campo.
xxviij Cōfirmacio Rad' de Bello Cāpo fil'. Will'i.
xxix Cōfirmacio Rog'i de Bello Campo fil' Rad' de Bello Cāpo. [1322.]
xxx Cōfirmacio dnī Joh'is Dengayne dnī de Etoñ. [1346.]
xxxj Record' de visu Franc' plegg' corā Just' itin' apd' Bed'. [1330.]
xxxij Carta Henrici de Braibroc.
xxxiij [A blank page of vellum.]
xxxiiij Dimissio Simonis de Pateshull' ad feod' firmā.
xxxv Quieta clamacō dnī Simonis de Pateshull'.
xxxvj Confirmacio dnī Joh'is de Pateshull'. [1333.]
xxxvij Placita apd' Westm' corā Will'o de Herle & sociis suis. [1333. Ro. lxij.]
xxxviij Carta Will'i Danensi.
xxxix Confirmacio Eme uxoris Will'i Danensi.
xl Placita apd' Westm' cor' Justic' dnī Reg'. [1313. Ro. xxxv.]
xli Carta Will'i de Brutteuil' fil Galfrid' de Brutteuil' de Tēpseford'.
xlij Confirmacio Galfrid' de Brutteuille.
xliij Carta dnī Galfrid' de Brituille militis.
xliiij „ Dionisij q^o^nd' ūx Walt'i de Knelle de Grauele.
xlv Carta Ade de Chauton'.
xlvj „ Will'i de Chauton'.
xlvij „ Matild' de Chauton'. [1232.]
xlviij „ Reginald' de Baa.
xlix „ Reginald' de Baa.
l „ Ric' Aurifab' fil' Will'i Aurifab' de Scō Neoto.
lj Carta Will'i Arraz.
lij „ Rob'ti fil' & hed' Ric' Aurifab' de Scō Neoto.
liij Indentā int' Robtu' de Wautoñ & p^r^orē de Bisshemade. [1327.]
liiij Carta Hugonis Heluin [de Stapelho].
lv „ Amfelisie fil' Will'i Aurifab' de scō Neoto.
lvj „ Radulfi de Weldebof.
lvij Confirmacio Will'i de Weldebof.

lviij Carta Joh'is fil' Will'i de Etoñ.
lix „ Nich'i fil' Will'i de Etoñ.
lx „ Rog'i fil' Nicho'i Junet'.
lxi „ Ricard' de Weldebof.
lxij Scr'ptū Joh'is Oyldebof fil' & hered' Joh'is Oyldeb'. [1316.]
lxiij Quieta clamacio Joh'is fil' Joh'is de Colmord'.
lxiiij „ „ Joh'is le Chanu de Colmord'.
lxv Carta Will'i le Costentyn fil' Henr' le Costentyn.
lxvj „ Reginald' Costentyn.
lxvij „ Ric' fil' Rad' de Costentyn.
lxviij „ Rob'ti Brussell.
lxix Indentā it' p'orē Joseph & Henr' de Braibroc.
lxx Carta Laurenc' de Sihiford'.
lxxj „ Ric' fil' Matild' fil' Ric' Fab'.
lxxij „ Ancelli Ruffus.
lxxiij „ Albini fil' Bernardi.
lxxiiij „ Alicie de Curtīge.
lxxv „ Walt'i de Carun.
lxxvj „ Rog'i fil' Nich' fil' Will'i de Etoñ.
lxxvij „ Walt'i de Stachedeñ.
lxxviij „ Simonis fil' Rad' de Wibawdestoñ.
lxxix „ Will'i de Arraz.
lxxx „ Will'i Carbonel cl'ici.

Stokton.

i Carta Rogeri fil' Reginald' Decani [de pua Stoktoñ].
ij Cirograffū Rog'i fil' Reginald' Decani.
iij Carta Rog'i fil' Reginald Decani.
iiij „ Rog'i fil' Decani.
v „ Walt'i Forstar'.
vj Cōfirmacio Reginald' fil' Decani.
vij Carta Will'i de Tillebroc.
viij „ Walt'i Tornator'.
ix „ Rog'i fil' Decani.
x „ Will'i le Turnur.
xj „ Ricard' fil' Math'i & Marger' sororis ei' [de Bolem̄e de pochia de P'tenhale.]
xij „ Reginald' le Tornour.
xiij Quieta clamacio Rog'i le Den. [1310.]
xiiij Carta Rog'i le Den. [1310.]
xv Cirograff' Rog'i le Den. [1310.]

xvj Carta Rob'ti Capellani Vicar' de Weston'.
xvij „ Ricard' de P'tenhal'.
xviij Record' de Banco corā Willo' de Bereford' & sociis suis. [1310.]
xix Carta Cecilie P'tesoyl [soror Rogori P'tesoyl.]
xx „ Cecilie P'tesoyl.
xxj Confirmacio Walt'i P'tesoyl.
xxij Carta Simonis P'tesoyl.
xxiij „ Rog'i P'tesoyl [de Risleia].
xxiiij Confirmacio Simonis P'tesuyl fil' Rogi P'tesuyl.
xxv Carta Hub'ti fil' Wimundi de pua Stoktoñ.
xxvj „ Will'i fil' Thome.
xxvij „ Will'i fil' Thome.
xxviij Confirmacio Jordani fil' Will'i.
xxix Carta Henrici le Neuu.
xxx Confirmacio Jordani fil' Will'i.
xxxj Carta Osberti Clerici.
xxxij „ Laurencij fil' Hugonis [de pua Stoktoñ].
xxxiij „ Thome fil' Hugonis.
xxxiiij Confirmacio Will'i de Bello Campo fil' Simon' de Bello Cāpo.
xxxv Cirograffū de feod' firma Will'i fil' Walt'i de la Sale. [1314.]
xxxvj Sc'ptū Will'i fil' Walter' de la Sale [de pua Stoktoñ 1314.]
xxxvij Carta Galfrid' fil' Thome Ballican [de Parva-Stokton.]
xxxviij Carta Robt'i Bissop.—P'TENHALE. [1311.]
xxxix „ Rogeri de Templo.—STOKTON. [1276.]
xl „ Ricard' de Peaucurt.—FELM'SHM'.
xlj „ Henr' fil' Will'i fil' Nigilli.—SCHARNEBROK.
xlij „ Nigelli fil' & hered' Henr' Attewode „
xliij „ Hugonis fil' Ricard'.—LEGA.
xliiij Cirograffū īt' Prorē Ricard' & Will'm de Aspeley.—LEGA.
xlv Carta Will'i fil' Hugonis de munfort.—WYMINTON.
i „ Cristian' P'tescil.—CAYSHO.
ij „ Helte Fancelun „
iij „ Will'i Fortyn „
iiij „ Hugonis de muule.—BOLNHURST.
v „ Emme de muule „
vj „ Will'i de Wodende „
vij „ Ricardi de Bello Campo.—CHALFST'NE.
viij „ Roysie fil' Vmfridi de Bereforde „

ix Carta Alicie sororis & hered' Will'i fil' Thom' de Colesden.—CHALFST'NE.
i „ Bartholomei Berde.—WILDENE.
ij „ Thom' Tyrel fil' Rad'' Tyrel.—WILDENE.
iij „ Walt'i de Wildeñ Cappll'i „
iiij „ Rog' Chanu & Dionis ux' sue „
v „ Rog' Chanu & Dionis ux' sue „
vj „ Rog'i Chanu & Dionis ux' sue „
vij Cōf^r^macō Dionisi q'nd' uxoris Rogi' Canuci „
viij Carta Hugonis Agu. „
ix „ Nich'i Cli'ci de Rauenesdeñ „
x Sc^i^ptū Joh'is de Pabenhm̄ militis. [1323.] „

COLMORDE.

i Carta Girard' de Weldebof.
ii „ Ricard' de Weldebof.
iij „ Radulfi de Weldebof. [1249.]
iiij „ Walt'i fil' Rob'ti de Weldebof. [1250.]
v Itm̄ carta Walt'i de Oydebuf.
vj „ „ Walt'i de Wildebuf.
vij Cirog'ffū Walt'i de Oyldebuf.
viij Carta Ric' fil' Walt'i de Weldebof.
ix Confirmacio Rad' de Wildebof.
x „ Will'i de Weldebof.
xj Carta Rad' fil' Thom̄ de Stylton̄.
xij „ Rad' fil' Thom̄ de Stylton̄.
xiij „ Zozime de Bolehurst fil' Walt'i.
xiiij „ Will'i fil' Thom̄ de Colesdeñ.
xv „ Hugonis de Westwode.
xvj „ Will'i fil' Ricard' Templarij.
xvij „ Agnetis q' fuit ux' Joh'is de Wildeñ medic'. [1276.]
xviij „ Gerard' fil' Godefridi.
xix „ Will'i de Melcheburne.
xx „ Walt'i fil' Aldredi.
xxj „ Rob'ti Chanu.
xxij „ Will'i Canuti.
xxiij „ Joh'is le Broy.
xxiiij „ Will'i fil' Jordañ Fab^i^s.
xxv Final' cōcord' īt' Will'm fil' Jordañ & P^r^orē de Bisshemade. [1240.]

BEREFORDE.

i Carta Ricard' de Lega.
ij „ Ric' de Blettesho & Beat'ris ux sue.
iij „ Walt'i de Kirkeby.
iiij Final' concord' it' Joh'em P^r^orē de Bisshemad' & Ric' de Blechesho. [1240.]
v Carta Will'i fil' Simonis de Lega.
vj Sc^i^ptū Will'i de Lega.
vij Final' concord' it' Joseph P^i^orē de Bisshemade & Will'm de Lega. [1231.]
viij Confirmacio Hugonis de Bretteuile.
ix Carta Will'i fil' Hugonis de Bretteuile.
x „ Humfrid' fil' Henr' de Bereforde. [1259.]
xj Cirog'ffū Humfrid' de Bereforde de excābio. [1276.]
xij Itm̄ Cirog'ffū Humfrid' de Bereforde. [1275.]
xiij Carta Henr' Poire.
xiiij Itm̄ Carta Henr' Poire de Rokestoñ.
xv „ „ Henrici Porre.
xvj Carta Rob'ti Hardi & Philipp' ux' sue.—SUTBURI.
xvij „ Will'i de Sutburi fil' Rog' de Sutbur' milit'.—SUTBURI.
vj Carta Luce Sorel.*—MOGERHANG'.
vij „ Will'i le Heyr.—COUPOL.
viij „ Ricard' fil' Henr' de Stratton.—WARDON'.
ix „ Henr' de Braibroc.—STACHEDEN'.
x „ Joh'is de Bisshemade „ [1275.]

VILLA DE BEDEFORD'.

i Carta Salomoñ Capell'.
ij Placita apd' Westm' corā Joh'e de Stonore & sociis suis. [1339.]
iij Carta Ade fil' Drogonis.
iiij Placita apd' Westm' corā. J. de Stonore & sociis suis. [1339.]
v Cirog'ffū it' P^i^ore de Bisshemade & Joh'em de Sautre. [1344.]

HUNTYNGDON'. STOKTON'.

i Carta Will'i Quint'.
ij Itm̄ Carta Will'i Quint'.

* In a different hand.

iij Carta Herb'ti Soysſot.
iiij „ Eustachij Rectoris eccl'ie de Stoktoñ.
v „ dnē Isabelle Pauncefot.—BLAYSWORD'.
vj Q^i^eta clamacio Bricij le Daneys „ [1302.]
vij Carta Nicholae Margerie & Beat^i^c' „
„ dñar. de Magñ Stoktoñ. „ [1274.]
viij Cirog'ffū īt' dnm̄ Joh'em de Creting' milit' & P^i^orē de Bisshemad'.—BLAYSWORD'.
ix Q^i^eta clamacio Johīs de Blaysworth.—BLAYSWORD'. [1303.]
x Indentā int' Robertū P^i^orē & Johēm Euerard'.—BLAYSWORD. [1346.]
i Carta Nigell' de Louetoth.—SOUTHO.
ij Ciro'gſſū int' P^i^orē de Bisshemade & Will'm fil' yuonis.—SOUTHO.
iij Carta Yuonis Monac'.—PAXTON' PUA.
iiij Itm̄ Carta Yuonis Monac' „ „
v Carta Will'i le Botiler fil' Galfrid' le Botil'.—PAXTON' PUA.
vj Carta Galfrid' le Moyne.—PAXTON' PUA.
vij Sc^i^ptū Will'i le Engleys „ „
viij Carta Yuonis Monac'.—PAXTON MAGNA.
ix Cirog'ffū Joseph P^i^oris „ „
x Carta Marger' de Draiton.—TOULESLOUND.
xj Itm̄ Carta Margerie de Draiton „
xij Cōfirmacio dnī Rob'ti de Totenhale Milit'.
xiij Carta Simonis Constentyn.—COPMANFORD'. [dñs de Copemaneford'.]
xiiij „ Cecilie q' fuit ux' Will'i Engayne.—COPMANFORD. [1314.]
xv Carta Walt'i Lenueyse.—COPMANFORD'. [1314.]
xvj „ Joh'is fil' Thom̄ Gerrard'.—COPMANFORD.
xvij „ Reginald' Costentyn.—EYNESBURY.

STILTON.

i Carta Alicie de mudeuile.
ij Itm̄ Carta Alic' de mundeuile.
iij „ „ Alic' de mundeuile.
iiij Itm̄ Alic' de mundeuille.
v „ Alicie de mundeuile.
vj „ Cōfirmacō Alicie de mundeuile.
vij Cōfirmacō Helye de Amundeuille.

viij Carta Nigelli de Amundeuile.
ix „ Alicie fil' Rob'ti de Hastinges.
x Rob'ti Caukesnef.
xj Rog'i de Louetoth.
xij Itm̄ Carta Rog'i de Louetoth.
xiij Carta Walt'i fil' Rob'ti de Bolenhurst.
xiiij „ Thom̄ fil' Walt'i de Stylton̄.
xv Itm̄ Carta Thom̄ fil' Walt'i fil' Lefsi.
xvj Carta Thom̄ fil' Walt'i de Stilton̄.
xvij „ Thom̄ fil' Walt'i de Stilton̄.
xviij „ Gerard de Weldebeof.
xix „ Ric' fil' Will'i de Houcton̄.
xx Final' concord' īt Simonē Pⁱorē & Ric' de Houcton̄. [1260.]
xxj Carta Walt'i fil' Thome de Stilton̄.
xxij „ Thom̄ le Noreys.
xxiij Itm̄ Carta Thome le Noreys.
xxiiij Carta Will'i fil Simon̄ de Stilton̄.
xxv „ Will'i fil' Simon̄ senioris de Stilton̄.
xxvj „ Will'i fil' Simon̄ fil' Walt'i.
xxvij „ dn̄e Geue ux' Osb'ti de Wdestonia.
xxviij „ Iuette fil' Osb'ti de Vndestetune.
xxix „ Will'i dcī le Foulere [de Stilton̄].
xxx „ Gilb'ti fil' Rob'ti de Stilton̄.
xxxj „ Henr' Capll'i nepos Rob'ti fil' Rad' de Bolenherst.
xxxij „ Heruici Le Paumer [de Stiltona.]
xxxiij „ Heruici le Paumer,
xxxiiij Itm̄ Carta Heruici Palmarij.
xxxv „ „ Heruici Paum'.
xxxvj Cirog'ffū īt' Pⁱorē & Cōuētū de Bisshemade & Galfrid' Pep. [1292.]
xxxvij Carta indentata Will'i Vnderhul.
xxxviij „ Joh'is de Salne & Marger' uxoris ei'.
xxxix „ Indentata Walt'i Forst.
xl „ Petⁱ di Haddon̄ Indentata.

CANTEBRUG'.

i Carta Joh'is de Littelbur'.—MADYNGLEE.
ij Itm̄ Carta Joh'is de Littelbur' „
iij Carta Simonis de Cayli.—TRUMPITON'.
iiij „ Cecilie fil' Alexandri de Cayli „

v Itm̃ Carta Cecilie filie Alexandri de Cayli.—TRUMPITON.
vj Carta Joh'is de Cayli.— TRUMPITON.
vij Itm̃ Carta Joh'is de Cayli „
viij „ „ Joh'is de Cayli „
ix „ Joh'is de Cayli „
x Carta Rad' de Stapelford' „
xj „ Will'i de Kaysoia caplli' „
xij „ Saheri fil' Joh'is de Littelbur' psoñ de Dodintoñ.—TRUMPITON.
xiij Carta Dionisie de Draytoñ. Quer' hanc cartā statī post cartā de Russhedeñ ī Comit' Northm̃p.

LINCOLN'. TALINTON.

i Carta Henrici de Brabroc.
ij Scptū Pioris & Conuent' de Beluero.
iij Confirmacō Will'i Abb'is scī Albani.
iiij Cōfirmaco Isabell' q' fuit ux' dnī Rob'ti de Ros.
v Cirog'ffū Ric' Foliot Pioré de Bisshemade & dnām Isabell' de Ros.
vj Carta Thom̃ de Kelene Vicar' de Talinton.

NORTHM'TON'. BURTON.

i Carta Henr' de Braibroc & Cristian uxoris ei'.
ij „ Cristiane Leydet qu'd uxoris Henr' de Braybroc.
iij Confirmacō Gerard' fil' Gerard' de Furniuall'.
iiij Licencia dnī Reg' de t'ris in Burtoñ. [1282.]
v Carta Will'i de Hurst.
vj Cōfirmacō Gerard' fil' Gerard' de Furniuall'.
vij Carta Galfrid' fil' Rad' Mose.
viij Hug' fil' Ric' de Lega & Agnetis ūx ei'.—Russhedeñ.

As a specimen of caligraphy of about the middle of the fourteenth century it would be hard to beat; the scribe, whoever he was, must have been a painstaking and careful transcriber, for the regularity of the writing is almost as precise as printed work. The whole volume, with the exception of one deed (No. vj. on p. 138) and some later writing on the fly-leaves is, apparently, in one hand. All the initial letters, as well as the headings of the deed, are rubricated, the initials themselves being in blue, and many

of the pages are ornamented with flowing scroll-work executed in red with a pen; here and there grotesque heads are introduced. Certain notes in handwriting of a later date appear to indicate that the volume has been used as evidence in some law court. Monasteries were not always able to retain quiet possession of their lands, and it frequently happened that descendants of original grantees, looking with envious eyes on those lands which their forbears had given "*pro Dei amore*" to some Monastic Institution, contested their right to hold them, while others, showing a better spirit, confirmed the gifts their ancestors had made. Six of the Charters and a Bull of Pope Gregory IX. have been printed in full in Dugdale's *Monasticum Anglicanum.* The writing exhibits certain peculiarities, *e.g.* there are no dots over the letter "i," but on the other hand there is one over every "y"; the letters "u," "n," "m," and "i" are run together, with nothing to distinguish them and, in the case of proper names, it is not always easy to determine the correct reading. Nearly all the deeds are in the monkish Latin generally used at that period, there being but one in Norman French; a few only, at the commencement of the volume, have the names of witnesses; the rest are without, ending with the usual formula "*In cuius*," etc. Very few are dated; these will be found noted in the foregoing pages. The original deeds, if they could be found, would prove interesting, as they would give the names of witnesses which, in many cases, would help to determine the date; but they have probably shared the fate of thousands of other valuable MSS., and have most likely been destroyed.

The following deed I have transcribed as it appears in the Cartulary; it is the last one of those relating to this County. The "water" or brook called the Severn exists no longer. Possibly it may be identical with the "Conduit" which formerly ran across the Bromham Road, of which no trace now remains, but the memory of which is preserved in the newly made and built "Conduit Road."

"Cirograffu' int' P'iore' de Bisshemade & Joh'em de Sautre.

Sciant presentes & futuri q'd nos P'or de Bisshemade & eiusde' loci Co'uentus dedim' concessim' & hac presenti carta nostra confirmauim' Agathe de Sautre & Joh'i filio

suo duo mesuagia cu' p'tin' iacencia in villa de Bedeford' in p'och' om'ium sc'or' quor' unu' continet in latitudi'e ad capd' u'sus aq'lone' none' p'ticas p' pertica' sexdecim pedu' & dimid' & ad aliud capd' u's Austru' septem p'ticas & d'i & iacet ill'd mes' int' mesuag' p'd'ci Joh'is de Sautre & Walt'i de Pyrle & abuttat ad unu' capd' sup' altam uia' & ad aliud capd' sup' aqua' q' uocat' Seuerne & aliud mesuag' continet in latitudi'e ad capd' uers' Aquilone' tres p'ticas & ad capd' u's Austru' duas p'ticas & dimid' & iacet ill'd mesuag' int' mesuag' p'd'ci Joh'is & prede'am aqua' q' uocat' Seu'ne & abuttat ad unu' capd' sup' alta' uia' & ad aliud capd' sup' prede'am aqua' de Seuerne. Hab'nd' & tenend' predca' mesuag' cu' omib' suis p'tin' de nob' & successorib' n'ris pred'cis Agath' & Joh'i & heredib' de corpore ip'ius Joh'is exeuntib' p' s'uiciu' militare & p' suiciu' t'um solid' & q'tor denar' p' annu' videlicet ad festa Annunc' b'e marie & sc'i michael' Archang'li p' eq'les porciones. Et nos pred'ci Agatha & Joh'es uolum' & concedim' p' nob' heredib' & assignatis nostris q'd si contingat pred'em redditu' in p'te u'l in toto p' unu' mense' post alique' t'minu' pd'em aretro esse extu'c bene liceat pred'cis P'ori & Couentui & coru' successorib' pred'ca mesuag' cu' p'tin' suis ingredi & retinere in p'petuu' sine contradictione mei hered' u'l assignator' n'ror' u'l p' redditu' pred'co p' uoluntate pred'ci P'oris & conuent' & cor' successor' distring'e et in mesuagio q'd ego Joh'es h'eo in Bedeford' ex feoffamento Thom' Attewal. Et nos pred'ci P'or & Conuent' & successores nost' pred'ca' mesuag' cu' o'ib' suis p'tin' pred'cis Agathe & Joh'i & heredib' de corpore ip'ius Joh'is exeu't contra om'es gentes Warantizabim' inp'petuu'. Et si contingat pred'em Joh'em obire sine he'd' de corpore suo exeunt' extu'c post morte' predcor' Agatha & Joh'is pred'ca mesuag' cu' o'ib' suis p'tin' nobis pred'cis P'ori & Co'uentui & successorib' n'ris plenar' reu'tantur. In cui' rei testimoniu' hiis presentib' cartis inde'tatis partes pred'ce' sigilla sua alt'natim apposueru't. Hiis testibus Joh'e Mareschal maiore de Bedeford', Walt'o de Pyrle, Simone Cullebere, Ricardo Frereman, Henrico Arnold, Roberto le Wrygthe, Will'o Flour & aliis, Dat' ap'd Bisshemade die martis p'x' festu' Circumsisionis d'ni. Anno Regni Reg' Edward' t'cij a conquestu decimo octauo." [1344.]

In the *Antiquary* of November, 1890, p. 208, is an article on the "Peterborough Gentleman's Society," from which I

extract the following note, which doubtless refers to this Cartulary:—

"1733 February 14.—Communicated * to the Society by the Secretary a fair MS. of the Charters of the Priory of Bishmede in Bedfordshire now in the custody of William Gery, Esq."

At the end of the volume is inserted a deed of Nicholas Smyth, Prior, dated 11 November, 1515, also the following memorandum:—

"Ad cura' dne Kat'ine Duc' Norf' tent' apud Bed die sabbati xx piet f'm sā michael' archangli A° MCᵛxviij venit Prior de bushmede p stephanu' Rawns celerariu' Et dat' pro fine dñe xvjd. Seneschallus fuit Thomas Rakes."

As well as a memorandum relating to a disputed boundary which I here give in full:—

"Memorand' to all men be knowen that on An°: dni 1581 & xxiij yere of the Reign of Elizab'th by the g'ce of god queene of Inglande ffrance and Ierlend def. of the ffaith &c. Nicholas Luick of Woode ende in the counte of bedf. Ar. & other Cop'eers owners in fee simple of the howse & lands wᵗʰ the app'tennces belongynge to basmay in the said Count And Willm. Gery esquier of the house & lands of Bushemead in feesimple debate & contravers' did then Ryse & grow betwen the said owners of either the said howsses of bushmeade & basmay for & consern' the fall & falynge of the Rowe of woods beyinge a duble hedge Rowe then ledynge & growing & divide the said lands & grounds of bushemede & basmaye Vppon wiche Contencon & —— the pties aforsaid compr'mitted them selffs to the order determinacōn & Judgemᵗ of [ ] —— of sainct Edes gent Mʳ sainc John Mʳ John of littlyngton: & Robarte more of bowlnhurst yeomen for ther right & Intrest in to the same hedgerowe & for the sale & falynge of the wood then beynge and growynge inn & vppon the same duble hedge Rowe The said arbitrators did awarde order & judge that all the hedge & trees then beynge & now growynge in & vppon bushemede syde only to belonge vn to bushemede And did also ordʳ & judge that all the wood & tymbre growynge & beynge then & vppon the said duble hedge to be sold & fallen And that the halff parte of the money for wiche the said hedgerowe was then soulde for to be payed to the said Wm. Gery & to his heiers at all

* I presume this is equivalent to "exhibited."—Ed.

tymes & when so eu^r it do or shall happen the said duble hedge Rowe of woode heraft' & at any tyme to be sold in lyke maner for the salle and fallynge of the said duble hedge & Rowe of wood at the tyme of the contenco'n & variance now between ye said pties for the same was payed to the said Will'm Gery Thirten pounds syx shillyngs viiid. wich the said Wm. Gery received & had by the hands of [————] that then sowlde the woode ther & then growynge in & vppon the p^rmisses In witnes & for ppetuale memorie therof hathe caused to be wrytten in this booke.

Wrytten by me Wm. Gery
wth my oune hande

Witnesses wich wer p'sent at the tyme of the order & judgem^t Robart Gray of Staploe Symont Grey Robarte Batell Wm. Smyth Mr Hulks of Standon gent Wm Barcok: Roger Sandr: John Smithe & many others.
Wm. ——— &c. Thomas Kippis."

A cursory study of the contents of this volume has convinced me that it possesses matter of the greatest interest, not only to the County historian, but also to the world of letters at large. A study of the field-names and proper names, of which there are a considerable number, would be helpful in determining the racial influences which have been instrumental in colonizing this country in days of yore. The variety of conditions upon which the grants were made throws a light on the social and religious habits of our ancestors. The details of boundaries, mentioning woods, streams, roads, wells, parks, etc., tell us how in some cases the face of the country has altered in the course of six hundred years; on the other hand, we can occasionally identify some of the places mentioned, even after that lapse of time. It is a matter for regret that so valuable and important a MS. should remain unprinted; the *Dunstable Chronicle* has been twice printed, once by Hearne the Antiquary, and more recently in the series of "Chronicles and Memorials of Great Britain and Ireland during the Middle Ages," published under the direction of the Master of the Rolls. This volume would make a fitting addition to the Series, could any one be found willing to undertake the work of transcribing and editing.

F. A. B.

Monumental Inscriptions.

(Continued from p. 115.)

BEDFORD, S. PETER.

Sub hoc tumulo | Depositae sunt mortales exuviae | Reuerendi Viri, Nicolai Aspinall, A.M. | apud Standon, in agro Lancastrensi nati, | In Scholâ Gram: de Clithero in eodem educati, | Collegij Immanuelis apud Cantabrigiensis alumini, | Quod centum libris per testamentum gratitudinis ergo donavit: | Clarissimi Viri Edmundi Castelli, olim amanuensis, | Quippe linguarum orientalium periti, cetera docti, | Ludi literarii qui est in hoc oppido, non ita pridem Archididascali | Eidem in Collegio Novo sive S^tae^ Mariae apud Oxon: praepositi, | Cui Collegio etiam centum libris per testamentum dono dedit | Hujus Ecclesiae nuper Rectoris fidelissimi | In tuendis ejus juribus strenuissimi, | Erga Deum pii, | Sibi duri, | Amicis percari, | omnibus facilis ac benevoli, | morum gravitate venerandi, | veri et aequi, si quis alius amantissimi. | humilis, modesti, et injuriarum patientissimi, | contemptoris mundi valdé, et coelestia anhelantis, | Ecclesiae, Patriae, Monarchiaeque Anglicanae cultoris inflexibilis | Viro optimo | Meliora merito | Hoc monumentum erexit | Moerens Soror, D^ma^ Priscilla Whalley | Septuaginta annos nato, | Nonis Octobris denato | Sexto idûs sepulto | Anno Salutis humanae | 1727.

(*Now Extramural.*)

Within the Chancel and near to | the Entrance of the South Door | are deposited the Remains of Alethea the wife of John Parker M.D. | Nat. An° D^i^ 1724. | Denat 10^bris^ 26 A° 1791. | She was the Daughter of | Edmund Jones Gent. & | Citizen of London. | In solo Deo spes nostra unica | To the Memory of | John Parker M.D: | the Friend of the afflicted poor | who died May 18. 1809. | Aged 80 years. | When the Earth heard him, then it | blessed him, and when the Eye saw | him it gave Witness to him, the Blessing | of him that was ready to perish | came upon him.

In Memory of | William son of | Thomas & Eliz. Parker, | died July 24th 1789 | Aged 12 days.

BIGGLESWADE.

Depositum THOMÆ BROMSALL* | Militis | Qui cum legum, juriumq', custos | esset acerrimus | Ea tamen fuit morum suavitate, | Ut tot fere unicos habuerit quot familiares | Lectissimâ fœminâ in 2des Nuptias | Ascitâ fœlicitas specimen videbatur | Cum subitò, post trimestres nuptias | Vix tridui morbo extinctus, | Quam brevia humana sont guadia | Documentum ingens fractus est. | Vidua mæstissima hunc statui lapidem jussit, | Illi quidem in memoriam, | Sibi verò, cum Deo visum fuerit, ut | ægrum spiritum trahere desinat | Delectum, pro cineris consortio. | Receptaculum | An: D: 1706, Aetat., 63.

In Memory of | EDWARD RUDD Gent, | Who departed this Life | Oct 1st 1797 | Aged 60 years.

Brass.—**Hic jacent Willm's Halsted qui obiit xxxo die Januarii anno dn'i MoCCCC | xlixo et Isabella ac Alicia uxores ej'ac pueri eor'dem quor' aiabz p'piciet dc. Amen.**

Effigies of W. H. and wife (sans tête) *Alicia*. The name *Alicia* engraved on shoulder.

BLUNHAM.

M.S. | GRAY LONGUEVILLE de Shidlington BERRY | in com. BEDFORD Armigeri, filij natu secundi | MICHAELIS LONGUEVILLE Equitis Aurati et no- | bilissimæ Doñæ SUSANNAE GREY, CAROLI Comitis | Cantij Quinti Heredis et Filiæ Vnicæ juxtà | conditæ: Qui in fiduciæ beati Resurrectionis | Supremum diem clausit, Decimo die Decembris | Anno Dni 1678. | Posuit charissima atq' Amantissima Conjux LUCIA | filia ROBERTI POWELL de Civitate THEORODINENSI | in Com. Somerset Generosi, Quæ Filios Illi duos | GRAYUM & HENRICUM; filiasq' octo ELIZIBETHAM, | LUCIAM, SUSANNAM, RACHALEM, MARGARETTAM, MARTHAM, FRANCISCAM, et JOANNAM Peperit.

Conditur sub hoc marmore corpus GRAYI | LONGUEVILLE, nuper de Shillington Berry | in Com. Bedford, armigeri, filij natu | maximi GRAYI LONGUEVILLE juxta recumbentis, | Qui ætatis suæ flore, annum novum et |

* See p. 130, vol. ii. for burial of Dame Mary Bromsall, second wife of above.

vigessimum vix superans, naturæ debitum | Exsolvit septimo die Octobris, Anno | Salutis 1680.

In spe felicis Resurrectionis | Hic jacet Corpus | THOMÆ BROMSALL* | de Blunham Armigeri, qui obijt vicessimo | Secundo die Maij Anno Domini 1682 | Ac etiam | MARGARETÆ BROMSALL | uxoris ejus dilectissimæ filiæ GEORGII | ORLEBAR de Puddington Generosi natů | Maximæ quæ obijt 27° die Maij | Anno Domini 1664 | Una fuerunt | Una sunt et | Una (uti spero) felicita erint | Hoc memoriæ suæ sacrum posuit RADULPHUS | BROMSALL filius natus maximus | Hoc nobis, Hoc vobis | Mementote mori.

Sub hoc marmore | jacet sepultum Cadaver | RADOLPHI BROMSAL Armigeri | Filij natu maximi THOMÆ BROMSALL Armigeri | Diem obijt die Martij 30° An° Dom. 1693° | Annoq' Ætatis suæ 44°.

Sub Hoc marmore | Sepultum jacet Cadaver | THOMÆ BROMSAL Armigeri | Filii Secundi | THOMÆ Bromsal Armigeri | Diem obijt die Nov. 25° | An. Dom. 1705° | Annoq' Ætatis suæ 54°.

Sub hoc marmore | jacet sepultum Cadaver | RADULPHI BROMSAL Armigeri | Filii natu maximi | RADOLPHI BROMSAL Armigeri | Hic vitâ defunctus est | inter fugendum Officio Vice Comitis in Comitatu BEDFORD 3tio die Jan. An° Dom. 1711° | Annoq' Ætatis suæ 24°.

To the Memory of | The exemplary Piety, Humility & | Charity of *Anne* the Daughter of Sr. | ALEXANDER RADCLYFF of Ordshull | in the County of Lancaster Kt of the | Honourable order of the Bath | & dearly beloved Wife of *Samuel Fowler*, Rector of this Church | She departed this life June 15th 1686 | Aged 45 Years. | On the left side of this stone lyes | Interred the Body of *Jane Fowler*, their | eldest child, who deceased Dec. 29 | 1681 in the 6th year of her age | And the body of *Susanna*, their youngest; who deceased April 12 | 1683. Aged 4 years.

Here lyeth ye Body of | JOHN and MARGARET | Son and daughter of | IOHN BROMSALL of | Blunham, Gen. and of | Elizabeth his wife | Margaret dyed ye 6th of | Ianvary 1684 | Iohn dyed ye 20th of | Octr. 1688.

Here lye thy body | of IOHN BROMSALL of | Blunham gent & son of THOMAS BROMSALL Esqr | who dyed ye

* Thos. Bromsall of Blunham, High Sheriff of Co. Beds 1650, during his shrievalty preserved the Cottonian Library during the Civil Wars. Ob. 1628 (Nich. Leic. ii. p. 837).

19 of May 1702 | Aged 44 years | Leaving issue only one son | named Thomas.

Rev. Richard Prosser, A.B., ob. 1757 | May 19, æt. 30.

BOLNHURST.

Under this weeping Marble lyes ye Body of SR. JOHN FRANCKLIN Knt. son of George | Francklin of Mavorn in ye County of Bedford Esq. and Dorothy his wife w'ch said | Dorothy was ye Daughter of WILLIAM HALSEY of great Gadsden in ye County of | Hertford Esq. He was Brother and Heire of Sr William Francklin Knt. descended | from ye Ancient family of ye Francklins of Skipton in Craven in ye County of York | He first tooke to wife FRANCES Daughter of SR. FRANCIS CLERKE of Ulcombe in ye | County of Kent Knt. And after her decease he took to wife DOROTHY CLERKE | one of ye Daughters and Coe-heirs of George Clerke of Watford in ye County of | Northampton Esq. He was one of ye Masters in Ordinary of ye High Court of Chance | ry for thirty three years before his death dureing wch. time he executed his Place | with ye utmost integrity diligence and exactness and without fear or favour He alwaies | preferr'd ye publick and ye due execution of justice in his Office before his owne | health or his private profit Great sumes of money belonging to infants and others | were lodged in his hands by ye order of ye high Court of Chancery dureing ye | time that he was Master there all wch. money was faithfully paid back againe | pursuant to his Trust and he never made any private interest or profit thereof | to himself He was wholy devoted to Justice, Piety, and Charity He left behind | him Monuments of his Generosity and Charity in Lincolns Inn Chappel and | Library, and at Christ-Church Hospital He died ye 7th day of August | In the year of our Lord 1707 | His Just Memory can never die | To the Eternal Memory of ye said George Francklin and the Sd. Dorothy his wife | Sr William Francklin and Sr John Francklin who lye all here near this place | Interred Dame Dorothy Francklin Widow and sole Executrix of the said | Sr John Francklin hath according to the Will of her Dear deceased | Husband erected this Monument.

Here lyeth the Body of | Dame DOROTHY FRANCKLIN | 2nd wife of Sir John Francklin | late of Bolnhurst, Knt. deces'd | who departed this life | the 7th October, 1727.

Extracts from "Cole's MSS."

S. JOHN'S CHURCH.

British Museum, Add. MS. 5832, *fo.* 85 [Cole's MS. Vol. 31].

June 14, 1760. Passing thro' this Town from Eynesbury to Blecheley I dined with my Friend Mr. Hinde, Rector of St. John's Church, and Master of the Hospital there. The Church is a poor shabby Building, both within and without side, consisting of a square Tower at the West End to the Street, a Nave or single Ile leaded, and a very large Chancel tiled. The Parsonage House stands close to it on the North, and is an excellent old House, with great Conveniences of Yard, Outhouses and Gardens, and has a Cloister running under the N. Wall of the Church to the Chancel Door from the Rectory House. Mr. Hinde was very lucky to succeed Mr. Bedford, not only as he found the House in good repair, but as the Corporation of Bedford asserted their Right of Presentation against the Pretensions of Mr. Williams of Huntingdon, and gained their Point in a Chancery Suit. The Church is dedicated to St. John, and has an Hospital annexed to the Rectory, which together is worth £200 p. ann. The Rector as Master of the Hospital maintains 10 Beadsmen, who have each 9*d.* p. week, & lets Leases, & sets Fines, as a Corporate Body. The Altar stands on an Eminence of one Step, and is railed in at a great Distance, all within the Rails being paved with an hard Plaister, or fine Kind of Mortar. On the South Wall, above the Cleristories, which are handsome & of 4 Arches, the uppermost less than the 3 others, is a neat mural Monument of white Marble; above the lowest of these Arches, with these Arms at Top, G. a cheveron inter 3 Lambs passant A. a Cheif checquy O. & S. for Lambert. On the Table is this Inscription:

In Memoriam
charissimae suae Uxoris
Susannae Bourne, quae
sancte vixit pieq' obiit
et juxta sepulta jacet.
Maestissimus ejus Maritus
Edwardus Bourne hoc
Monumentum posuit
1698.

Idem hujus Monumenti reverendus Erector ad ultimum Amoris testificandi Symbolum Corpus suum ad Latus praedictae Uxoris collocandum ultimo Testamento injuxerat. Anna Conjux posterior dilectissima et maxime obsequiosa adimplevit Julij 2. 1713.

About 2 or 3 Feet from the S. Wall under this Monument, at the Foot of the Rails, lies a free Stone thus inscribed. (See 1st inscription, p. 108, *ante.*)

Close to this, on a free Stone, is this Inscription and Arms beneath it, viz.: a Cheveron inter 3 Lions rampant; Crest, a Buck's Head erased and gorged with a Ducal Coronet. (See 2nd inscription, p. 108, *ante.*)

Close to this there lies another free Stone just in the middle before the Doors of the Rails, with this Inscription:

In Memory of Edward Bourne. He departed this Life August 5, 1734, aged 33 years.

He was Son to the Rector of St. John's & was Vicar of Thurlye in this County, & left a son by his last Wife.

About 3 feet to the N. in the same Line just under the Steps of the Altar Rails and near the N. Wall, or Vestry Door, lies another black Marble with this Inscription, composed by my late Friend Dr. Parne, Fellow of Trinity College in Cambridge, and a Native of this Town. (See 4th inscription, p. 108, *ante.*)

In the Middle of the Chancel, about 3 Feet above the Head of Mr. Edw: Bourne Junior's Grave Stone lies an old Blew Grey Marble which had formerly the Half Figure of a Priest and on it an Inscription in Brass under it; & below it a Cross cut in the Stone & inlaid with Brass; all which are now reaved and lost; it was probably designed for one of the old Rectors & Masters of the Hospital, and is now converted to serve the same Purpose for one of the more modern ones, having this inscribed on the Top of it above the Figure. (See 3rd inscription, p. 108, *ante.*)

Above these 2 last Grave Stones lie several other free Stones for the Name of Edwards, which I did not give myself Time to copy.

In the Window of the antient Hall of the Rectory or Hospital is this old Coat viz: Argent a chevron Sable,

& on a Chief Sable, 3 Martlets, Argent, being the Arms of Wylde, impaling Argent, a Maunch Sable & a Mullet Sable for a Difference, being the Arms of Hastings. There is also in the same Window a Royal Crown of about Henry 7^{ths} time.

In the Hall hang two tolerable Pictures of 2 Masters, viz: Mr. Arrowsmith's who was 78 when it was painted: & Mr. Dennis who is drawn in a flower'd Cap, holding a Staff in one Hand and a Book in his other, and was 61 years of Age in 1631.*

See a short Account of this Hospital in Bp. Tanner's "Notitia Monastica," p. 9, Edition 1744.

Mr. Hinde gave me the following List of the Rectors and Masters of the Hospital taken out of his Parish Register.

Rectors of the Church & Masters of the Hospital of St John the Baptist in the Town of Bedford.

Robert de Paris, the Founder of the Hospital of S. John the Baptist in Bedford is said to have been the first Master in 980.

Edward Buckingham was Master 1316.

Robert de Rouse of Steple Morden was Master in 1333, when John de Cantebrigg was Patron.

William Rouse 1349.

John Appeland 1374.

Walter de Swynesheved was Master in the 7th of Richard 2nd and in the 12th of Henry 4th.—"v. my MS. vol. 26, p. 169. W.C."

Thomas Hore without date.

John Thorpe, 1444, p. Resignationem Tho. Hore, was presented by the Corporation of Bedford as all the succeeding Masters have been.

John Brincklo, 1446.

Wm. Athall, 1448.
Henry Ruding, Bachilaure in the Decrees, 1470.
{ "John Dove Magister Hospitalis (sive Custos) Sc'i Johis Bedfordiae A°. 1458. — *Regr. Acad. Cantab.* vide vol. 26, p. 169.—W.C."

Wm. Morgan, LL.D. 1497.

Humphrey Gascoigne LL.B. 1509.

. . . . . Wrexhill, without date.

Wm. Franklin 1521.

* These pictures are still hanging in the Rectory.—Ed.

John Stringer, A.M. 1530.

Hen: Smyth alias Mylwarde, Rector of Turvey, Chaplain to Lord Mordant, 1546.

Robert Lynford, Fellow of Queen's College in Cambridge, B.D., was presented by the Earl of Bedford in 1568.

Nathaniel Gilby, B.D., Preacher at S. Paul's in Bedford, 1599.

"In an Obituary by Mr. Archer, Rector of Houghton Conquest, in my MS. Collections, vol. 29, f. 193, is this entry:

'Obit Mr. Nathaniel Gilbie Magister Hospitii Sc'i Johis in Bedford 8 Julij apud London, 1606.'—W.C."

Andrew Dennis, A.M., Preacher at St. Paul's, 1606.

Theodore Crowley, A.M., 1633, who was sequestered in the Rebellion, and John Gifford and John Burton [? Bunyan] enjoyed the Hospital & Living. However, Mr. Crowley lived to be restored to them both.

Robert Guidot, Rector of Little Barford, 1662. He was also a Preacher at St. Paul's in Bedford.

Joseph Arrowsmith, A.M., Fellow of Trinity College in Cambridge, Rector of Papworth in Cambridgeshire, & Chaplain to the Earl of Aylesbury, 1677.

Edward Bourne, A.M., Preacher at St. Paul's in this town, was Master & Rector in 1689. "He died 28 June, 1713, aged 72.—W.C."

Paul Faldo was Vicar of Ravensden, and succeeded Mr. Bourne as Rector of the Church and Master of the Hospital in 1713, which he enjoyed only about 6 months, dying 12 Apr. 1714.

John Towersy, B.D., Fellow of Trinity College in Cambridge and Curate of Elstowe; succeeded in 1714, and died on Good Friday, March 27, 1741. Having been a Rector & Master 27 years.

Wm. Bedford, A.M., of S. John's College in Cambridge, & Rector of Yelden in Bedfordshire, was presented in 1741, and died May 30, 1754.

Henry Hinde, A.M., of Queen's College in Oxford, & a native of Warwickshire, & a Bachelor, is the present Rector of the Church & Master of the Hospital, to which he was Instituted, 1756, after a two years' Contest and Suit in Chancery, between the Corporation of Bedford and Mr. Williams, when it was determined in favour of the former, June 17, 1760.

Calling upon Mr. Hinde, with Mr. Hanmer of Sympson in Buckinghamshire, on Sept. 16, 1765, I found he had put up some old painted glass in a Lancet window of his Hall, one part of which was an old Coat of Arms, which the Glazier had ignorantly turned topsy-turvey, and was A diaprè a Cross flory S, on it a Crescent A, impaling quarterly of 4, 1st & 4th G on a cross engrailed O, a crescent 2nd & 3rd A, a bend between 3 mullets pierced S.

In the Autumn of 1775, being Chaplain to the Lady Dowager St. John, he had a Dispensation to hold the Rectory of St. John together with the Mastership of the Hospital of St. John Baptist in Bedford with the Rectory of Bletsoe.

S. PAUL'S CHURCH.

British Museum, Add. MS. 5834, *fo.* 247. [Cole's MSS. vol. 33.]

July 22, 1765. Passing thro' Bedford in my Way from Blecheley to Hadenham in the Isle of Ely, after breakfast, & while my horses were harnessing and refreshing themselves, having half an Hour to spare, I employed it in going to see St. Paul's Church, the principal one of the Town, standing near the River.

It is a very spatious and large Church with the Tower standing in the middle between the Nave and Chancel, having on it a very fine & lofty Spire of free Stone; in the Tower hang 8 Bells, with a clock & chimes. The Chancel is very large & spatious, but rather slovenly, being never made use of but at Communions and has [ ] Stalls of oak carved on each side with a Flight of 3 Steps up to the Altar. The Nave is full of Pews and has no North Isle: In the South Isle the Mayor and Aldermens seats placed against the North [? South] Wall opposite the Pulpit are very handsome; the Pulpit is placed against the first Pillar to the East, opposite the Mayor's Pew, and is of Stone & very handsome, tho' they talk of removing it and making a new one of Wood: they may make it of what they please as no Corporation in the Kingdom will be better able to ornament their Churches & Town than Bedford, as the great Estate at London is now fell into it; and after great Opposition, Uneasiness & Squabbles among the Magistrates and Freemen, who had no Mind that the Duke of Bedford should have the management of it, it is at last, by Art and Address, got into the Hands of the

Person they seemed to be most averse to; and so, probably, that great, and opulent Family, will have the sole Management of that Estate, and Corporation. No small Acquisition to the Happiness of which Family happened to it on this very Day, as I conceive, by the Birth of a Son & Heir to the Marquis of Tavistock at Ampthill House; for on my Return back into Buckinghamshire on Friday July 26, they were just getting to themselves again, after Illuminations and Rejoicings for 2 or 3 days Before, as they told me, on that Occasion; & a very Signal Piece of good Fortune it was to that Family, whose vast Estate, reckoned the biggest of any Nobleman's in England, of £50,000 p. ann, had my Lady Marchioness proved sterile, would have gone out of that Family, to have encreased another Estate of about equal Dimensions; I mean the Marlborough Family; the present Duchess of which Title is Daughter to his Grace of Bedford and Sister to the Marquis of Tavistock.

At the Bottom of the South Isle is an handsome gilt Organ in a Gallery or Organ Loft, and near it, painted on the South Wall, is a Monument* to the Memory of King Charles I. painted as I have a Print of him, lying royally robed, under a funeral Canopy with Arms & other Insignia, and some Verses by it. By the side of the Tower & Chancel runs a large Chapel or Chancel, near as long as the End of the great Chancel.

It is a Vicarage in the Gift of Earl Granville, and antiently belonged to the Priory of Newnham, and stands in the Archdeaconry and Deanery of Bedford. The present Vicar, Mr. Smith, is a married man and resides at Barton in the Clay, where he is Rector, & Mr. Towersee is his Curate here.

Both the Church & Church Yard are full of Monuments; but my Time would allow me to take Notice of the following only. In the large Chancel of the Church of St. Paul at Bedford, near the South Door leading into the South Isle or Chancel, about 6 feet from it and just at the Foot of the 3 Steps up to the High Altar lies a Black marble Slab with this Inscription. (See 3rd inscription, p. 113, *ante.*)

I should suppose him to be a Scotchman from both his names. Close to him, on his left hand, lies his Wife, as

* This, which was a mural painting or fresco, has long since disappeared. —Ed.

the Clark informed me; tho' the Gravestone lies on the upper Step of the Altar towards the North Side.

Against the South Wall, just above the Steps of the Altar, is fixed a large and clumsy Mural monument of Marble, the middle Part being the full Bust of a Clergyman in a Master of Arts gown & tasseled Cassock, as preaching & leaning on a Cushion; under which is an Inscription in gold Letters for

Andrew Dennys, Vicar : ob : 23 Oct. 1633, æt 66.

The Writing was too long, and the Letters seemed to be too imperfect by Time & Accidents to be readily copied, & so I omitted taking the Inscription. (See 1st inscription, p. 110, *ante.*) The Head of the Man was knocked off in Oliver's Time, but lately supplied by a Person in the Town who cut one in Chalk, and painted it, & is very like a Print or Picture of the Person for whom it was designed, as they told me.

On the Step of the Altar, against the North Wall, is an old Altar Tomb disrobed of its Arms & Brasses, and the upper Stone turned the wrong way.*

Above this, on the same North Wall, is a very large, clumsy, & heavy Mural monument of Marble for

Thomas Christie, Esq., who died 1697, & his two Wives.

I think the Clark said this Gentleman founded an Hospital in the Town, or gave some Charity to it.†

About the middle of the Chancel lies a white Marble slab with these Arms at top, which are thus partly blasoned on a Monument on the North Wall, for one of the same Name & Family, tho' the Colours are cheifly gone. I think the Feild is Gules, on a Fess Or, between a Greyhound currant in Cheif, & a Bird in Base Argent, a Quaterfoil Gules: under them is this Inscription, which, I suppose, I have shortened. (See the inscription, p. 111, *ante.*)

On the South Wall of the Chancel near the West End, above the Stalls, is a neat mural Monument of White Marble, at the Bottom of which are these Arms. S. a Bend inter 2 hands couped midway A. impales S. a Cheveron erm : int : 3 Cinquefoils Or, with the same on an Escocheon of Pretence on the first Coat. On the Tablet is this Inscription, which has 2 or 3 short lines utterly obliterated

* This, which is traditionally asserted to have been the founder's tomb, has disappeared.—Ed.

† He built and endowed 8 almshouses in the Town, and re-endowed the Church with the great tithes.—Ed.

at the Bottom, being the Dates, it being within Reach of idle Boys who rather than do Nothing do Mischief. (See 4th inscription, p. 112, *ante.*)

I think this was for the Father of Thurloe Brace, Esq., who was Member of Parliament, as I judge, for the Town of Bedford, and who, I think, lived a Loose kind of Life, and run out his Estate; but was a Man of parts and Ingenuity. The John Thurloe mentioned in the Epitaph, I take it, was the famous Secretary to Oliver Cromwell, who for his Services in those Times, has the Castle of Wisbeche, belonging to the Bps. of Ely, given to him, or by Purchase; which he pulled down and rebuilt, and which, at the Restoration, reverted to its rightful Owners.

Against the East Wall of the South Chancel, near the South Wall, is painted on it, in a Coarse and ordinary manner these Arms and Inscription: B. on a Fesse O. inter 3 Eaglets displayed A. a fret between two Martlets B. impaling p. Cheveron G. & A. 3 Trefoils slip'd counter-changed, on a Chief A 3 Martlets, G.

Sir William Harper seems to have had an Eye to Lord Chancellor Audley's Coat, which is, in a Manner, the same.

Sir William Harper, Alderman
& Lord Mayor of London, a good
Benefactor to this Town, obiit
27 Feb. 1573. æt. 77.

This is but roughly perform'd by a Painter in Water Colours probably; or if in Oyl, it is in a decaying Condition. By it is a raised Seat, seemingly as if for the Archdeacon's Court; and by the Entrance into the North Chancel is an old Altar Tomb; but for whom I had no Time to observe.

In the Chancel lie 2 very old gravestones with large Crosses on them, but for want of Time I could not decypher them.

Some Bedfordshire Wills.

Abstracted from the Original Wills, and certified copies, at the District Court of Probate, Northampton.

(Continued from p. 119.)

Joane Linwood, of Cardington, wid., 6 Sep. 1669. To grandson Thomas Endersby drawing table, &c., to grandchild Elizabeth Taylor, my best bed, to Ann, wife of Edmund Gascoigne, my da., my black cow, to grandchild Robert Andrew my little brass kettle. Son Giles Taylor, & son-in-law Richard Andrew, to be joint exors. Item—Whereas Sr Thomas Savage was indebted to my husb. Giles Taylor in the sum of £40, & whereas my sd. husb. Giles Taylor did by will bequeath £10 thereof to me, sd. £10 to be equally divided betw. my 3 children Giles Taylor, Richard Andrewes, & Edmund Gascoigne. Pr. 16 Mar. 1671.

William Laundy, of Bedford, gent., 27 Jan. 1695. To daurs. Spencer, & Hodges, £5 ea. To d. Winch £67; mentions her children Benedict and Mary. To grandchildren Benedict Winch, & William Hodges, £60 ea., & to grandchild Ann Hodges £100. To grandchildren Susan, Elizabeth & Sarah Hodges £50 ea., & to grandchild Mary Winch £50. Residue to wife Anne, sole extrix. Pr. 9 Apr. 1696.

Richard Moore, of Colmworth, yeoman, 2 Aug. 1558. To be bur. in Colmworth ch'yard. Mentions Henry & Laurence Moore. To wife Amye the 3rd part of all his goods, also his house and land commonly called the Chantrie at the Church. To da. Ellen £20, & to s. William lands in Colmworth, Colsden, & Wilden. Brothers Robert More, & Geffery Moore. Appoints Mr. Colbeck, of Tempsford, Esq., overseer, brothers Robert & Geoffrey to be exors. Witness Edward Moseley, p'son of Colmworth & writer of this testament. Proved 9 Jan. 1558.

Henry Mountfort, of Southill, gent., 15 July, 1581. To be bur. in ch'yard of Southill. To wife Ellen all his lands, &c., in Broom & Southill, makes her sole extrix. Mentions children Oliver, Katherine, Richard, Henry, Judith, & s. Mathew, to whom sundry small bequests. William Petet, brother of his wife Ellen, to be supervisor. Pr. 3 July, 1582.

JOHN MARBERY, of Langford, gent., 24 Nov. 1581. To be bur. in the parish church of Langford. Anne my wife, da. Eliz'th. Wife to be exor. Pr. 9 May, 1582.

JOHN MORGAN, of Ampthill, gent., 6 Aug. 1604. Son Francis M. John Morgan, base s. £10, son Thos. £10, da. Jane £10, son Richard £10. To wife Agnes, da. of John Lee, £10 and makes her sole extrix Mr. Fitz and Mr. Thomas Hillersdon to be overseers. Pr. 17 Jan. 1604.

WILLIAM MAN, of Egginton, 22 Jan. 1606. To the poore of Laighton 20*s*. To the poore of Egginton 10*s*. To my 5 younger sons, viz. Robert, George, William, Francis, & Thomas, their heirs and assigns for ever, all my freehold lands in Laighton, to be divided equally amongst them. To my wife Johan one half my goods and chattels; the other half to my children Robert, George, John, William, Francis, Ann the elder, Ann the younger, & Elizabeth, in equal portions. Appoints wife Johan sole extrix. Witness, Robert Cropwell, clerke. Pr in the peculiar of Leighton Bussard, 5 Feb. 1606.

EDMOND MORDANT, of Oakley, Esq. Nunc. will, 8 Sept. 1617. "The laste will and testament nuncupative of Mr. Edmund Mordant of Oakeley in the countie of Bedd: Esquier deceased: The saide Mr. Edmunde Mordant vppon the 8th daie of September in the yeare of our lorde god 1617: being the day before he departed this life, was intreated by Elizabeth Mordant his wife to giue her some pease in consideration of one hundred powndes & more wch she had lent vnto him; then he the saide Mr. Edmunde Mordant answered, Besse, I confesse I owe thee more then one hundred powndes, & I will giue the my pease, & all that I have after my death to dispose of as thowe wilte, wch wordes or the like in effecte, weare vttered, the day & yeare aboue written in the presence of those whose names are vnder written, Elizabeth Mordant and Constance Armstronge." Probat. fuit 13° die mensis Decembris 1617.

WILLIAM MATTHEW, of Wootton, gent. 15 May 1628. Appoints William Nayler of Offord Darcey, co. Hunts, gent., his son-in-law & Elizabeth my da. his wife, exors. To sd. William Nayler all his title & interest in lands & tenements in Kempston Hardwicke lately conveyed to me, W. M., Richard Sanders, Esq., Robert Barker, & others, by John Parsons, of Kempston, gent., by deed dated 28 Dec. 1627, also lands in Wootton & Marston. To Elizabeth eld. d. of Geo. Blundell, Esq., my son-in-law

decd. £300, she not to marry without the consent of W. Nayler, her uncle, or Sarah Blundell her mother. To Sarah, 2nd da. of Geo. Blundell, £50, & to George, s. of George Blundell, decd., £50. Mentions Frances, youngest da. of sd. Geo. Blundell. Residue to exors. Pr. 30 June [year torn off].

Queries.

JOSEPH PONTIFEX.—I am anxious to ascertain some particulars of the above, who was Recorder of the Borough and died about 1780. Robson's *Heraldry* gives the Arms from a tomb, but the locality has been lost sight of. A Mr. Pontifex, who m. a Yarborough of Co. Linc., appears to have seen the tomb in question and to have copied and used the Arms. The first of the name that I have come across was chaplain of East Ham, co. Essex, and died in 1511. In or about 1520 a William Pontifex was killed in a riot at Leighton-Bussard, *Domestic State Papers.* The family appears to have been located in Bucks, in the position of yeomen; and lived at Wycombe, Beaconsfield, Burnham, and Iver. Any particulars relative to this family will be gratefully received by

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Reply.

BISHOP LISTER OR LYSTER.—He was instituted to the Rectory of Dunstable 4 April, 1662, on the cession of the Rev. Isaac Bringhurst, the Letters Patent bearing date 20 March, 13 Chas. 2 (Patent Roll, 13 Chas. 2, part 47, No. 67), and to the Vicarage of Totternhoe, 12 January, 1664. He appears to have been instituted to the Vicarage of Kensworth, co. Hertford, on 3 August, 1666, his predecessor in the latter benefice, Mr. Bringhurst, being instituted to the Rectory of Toddington, 2 Sept. 1668. On Mr. Lister's death, John Lord, M.A. (instituted to Dunstable 11 Feb. 1683), was instituted to Kensworth 27 January, 1680.

DANIEL HIPWELL.

BEDFORDSHIRE

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Proceedings of Committee for Plundered Ministers,

30 January 164⅝ to 5 Oct. 1646; and from 1 May to 30 Oct. 1647.

(*Brit. Mus. Add. MSS.* 15,669—15,671.)

AMPTHELL, August 23° 1645.

Ordered that John How minister of Ampthill and Marston Mortayne in the County of Bedd be sumoned to answere ye articles p'ferred agt him on the 25th of September next. Sumon him ad respondend die pdict Sumon witnesses ad testif ex pte grent die pdict. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 144; ff. 189, Oct. 11, 1645; 213*b*, Nov. 27, 1645.)

MARIES & CUTHBERT IN THE TOWNE OF BEDD.

Julij 27° 1646.

Accordinge to an order of the howse of Comons of the 24th of July instant It is ordered that the tithes & proffitts of the seuall benefices of Maries and Cuthberts in the towne of Bedd be collected and secured by the Church Wardens & Overseers of the said severall pishes from Mr. Thorne the (?) Incumbent & kept & pserved by them till the pleasure of this Comitee be further knowne.

To the Church Wardens & Overseers of the respective pishes of Maries & Cuthbert in the towne of Bedford. (*Add. MS.* 15,670, fo. 158*b.*)

August 6° 1646.

Sumoned Giles Thorne Minister of St. Maries in Bedd Com Bedd to appeare the 11th of this instant August to answere Articles extcd agt him before this Cotee. vt in fol. 1° Dat 6 : August [1646]. (*Add. MS.* 15,670, fo. 168.)

Ordered that the Keeper of Ely howse or the ffleete doe bring before this Cotee the bodie of Giles Thorne Clarke on the 11th day of August instant at one of the Clock in the afternoone. (*Add. MS.* 15,670, fo. 168.)

August 19° 1646.

Sumoned Giles Thorne Minister of Sct Maries in Bedd Com Bedd to answere certaine matters depending agt him before the sd Comittee And it is further ordered that the Keep of Ely house doe appear before the sd Cotee wth the sd Giles Thorne on the sd day. (*Add. MS.* 15,670, fo. 184*b.*)

20° Augustij 1646.

In pursuance of an Order of ye house of Comons of ye xxiiijth day of July last this Comittee haue called before them Mr. Thorne minister of the seuerall Churches of Mary's and Cuthberts Bedd in ye towne of Bedford and vpon his owne confession it appeareth yt hee hath written a tract in wch are many seditious passages tending to ye withdrawing of ye harts of his pishoners from ye Parliamt & yt hee hath sent ye same to his pishoners vizt to each a booke himselfe being a prisoner in Ely house It is therefore ordered yt ye sd rectoryes shall from henceforth stand sequestred from him to ye vse of some Godly and orthodox divine and yt it bee reported to ye house and one seauennights tyme is giuuen for ye noiateing ministers for ye sd Churchs and ye sequestracors thereof. (*Ibid.*, fo. 189*b.*)

Julij 19° 1647.

Vpon Consideracon had of the peticon of the pishioners of Sct Maries in Bedd It is thought fitt & ordered for the tyme to come that Mr. William Paley Mr. Oliver Cockayne

Mr. George Paradine & Mr. John Spencer pishioners of St Maries aforesaid doe provide for the service of the Cure of the sd Church & Collect & gather the tithes rents duties & proffitts of the sd benefice for & during the space of 3 monthes next ensueing & therewth satisfie as well such p'son & p'sons as they shall provide for the said service as the ffift pte due vnto Mrs. Thorne the wife of Mr. Thorne from whome the sd benefice is sequestred. (*Add. MS.* 15,671, fo. 145; ff. 148, July 10, 1647; 166*b*, Aug. 11, 1647; 184, Aug. 24, 1647; 253, Oct. 23, 1647; 257*b*, Oct. 25, 1647.

Octobr 23° 1647.

Ref Richard Woolhowse minister to the Assemblie for the Church of Cuthberts in the towne of Bedd. (*Add. MS.* 15,671, fo. 250.)

Octob: 23° 1647.

Whereas the Rectorie of the Parish Church of St. Cuthberds in the Towne & County of Bedford is & standeth Sequestred by order of this Comittee from Mr. Thorne; It is ordered That the said Rectorie shall from henceforth stand sequestred to Rich: Woolhouse a Godly & orthodox Divine And that hee doe forthwith officiate the Cure of the said Church as Rector & preach dilligently. (*Ibid.* fo. 261.)

Brumham, Dec. 11° 1645.

Ordered that the Vicarage of Brumham in the County of Bedd shall stand sequestred from Anthony Waters who hath another benefice & substituteth to officiate Oliver Thorowgood a scandalous Curate and that the said Mr. Thorowgood be dismissed from any further service of the said Cure. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 224*b*.)

Dec. 13° 1645.

Whereas the Vicarage of the pish Church of Brumham in the County of Bedd is and standeth sequestred by order of this Co^ttee^ of the 11th of December instant from Anthony Waters for that having another benefice he hath substituted to officiate in ye said Church Oliver Thorowgood a scandalous Curate It is ordered that the same shall stand

sequestred to the vse of Nicholas East M^r^ of artes a godly & orthodox divine who is hereby required forthw^th^ to officiate the Cure of the said Church as Vicar & preach diligently to the pishoners there &c at pag 106 in Hurst. (*Ibid.* fo, 227*b*.)

CARLETON, Julij 24to 1645.

This Comittee doe appoint to take into Consideracon the Cause ag^t^ Mr. Pargiter Minister of Carleton in the County of Bedf: on the Nynth day of September next whereof the sd Mr Pargiter is to have Convenient notice who may have sumons for producinge such Witnesses as he shall produce in the said Cause. (*Add. MS.S.* 15,669, fo. 116; 184, Oct. 4, 1645; 188*b*, Oct. 11, 1645. 15,670, ff. 110, June 13, 1646; 207*b*, Sept. 4, 1646; 222*b*, Sept. 18, 1646. 15,671, fo. 149*b*, July 3, 1647.)

CARLTON, August 2do 1645.

It is ordered that the Com'ittee of Parliam^t^ for ye County of Bedd be & they they are hereby desired to call before them & examine the witnesses that Mr. [Wm.] Pargiter minister of Carlton in the County of Bedd shall produce for proofe of his defence to the Articles and exaiacons transmitted to this Comittee agt him & to Certifie the same on the second of September next. And the said Comittee are desired to pmitt aswell the prosecutor of the Cause agt the sd Mr. Pargiter as the said Mr. Pargiter to be p'nte at the exaiacon of the said Witnesses whereof the said psecutors are to leave Convenient notice. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 126*b*.)

Julij 3° 1647.

Referred Nathaniell Cole minister to ye Assembly for the Church of Carlton com Bedd. (*Add. MS.* 15,671, fo. 102.)

Julij 5° 1647.

Whereas the Rectory of the p'ishe Church of Carleton in the countie of Bedd is sequestred from Mr. Pargiter It is ordered that the said Rectory shall stand sequestre[d] to the vse of Nathaniell Coles a godly & orthodox Divine & that he doe forthwith officiate the Cure of the said Church as Rector & preach diligently. (*Add. MS.* 15,671, fo. 149*b*.)

COCKAINNE HATLEY.—Att the Com'ittee for plundred ministers ffebruar 28° Anno dmi 1645.

Vpon ye humble peticon of Andrew Growby to whom ye Rectory of Cockainne Hatley in ye County of Bedd is Sequestred This Com'ittee doe hereby desire ye Justices of peace in ye sayd County to releiue ye sayd Mr. Grooby in his recouery of the tythes of ye sayd Rectory detayned & taken from him by Mr. Thistlethwaite or Tho. Coleman or any other p'son or p'sons whatsoeuer according to the ordinance of Par^l in y^t behalfe And whereas Compl't is made y^t ye sayd Mr. Grooby hath by vertue of a former Order of this Com^tee receiued seuerall of ye p'fitts of ye sayd Rectory due before hee came to officiate there And notw'thstandinge refuseth to satisfy such as haue officiated ye said cure accordinge to ye sayd Order This Com'ittee doe likewise referr ye same to ye sayd Justices hereby desireing them to see ye former orders of this Comittee concerning ye sayd Rectory and p'fitts thereof bee duly executed & obeyed. (*Add. MS.* 15,670, fo. 27*b*.)

COPELL, Junij 24° 1645.

Vpon the humble petic'on of the wife of Mr. Gwin from whom the Vicarage of Copell in the County of Bedd is sequestred It is ordered that she shall have for & towards the maintenance of her and her children the full cleere fift pt of all the tithes rents gleab Lands & Easterbooke of the said Vicarage all taxes and charges first deducted out of the whole vnlesse good cause be shewne to the contrary the said Mr. Gwin & his wife yealding all due obedience to the said Sequestracon to be quarterly paid by such p'son & p'sons who doe & shall from time to time receive ye p'fitts of the said Vicarage. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 96*b*.)

EATON CU SOCA.—Att the &c. April 5° Anno Domi 1645.

Vppon the humble peticon of Agnes wife of White from whom the vicarage of Eaton cu Soca in the County of Bedd is sequestred. It is ordered that the sd Mrs. White shall have for and towardes the maintenance of her and her children from henceforth the full cleere ffift parte of all the tithes rents gleablandes and Easterbooke of the sd vicarage

(all taxes and charges first deducted out of the whole) vnles good cause bee shewne to the contrary by the tenth of June next the sd Mr White and his wife yealding all due obedience to the sd sequestracon to be quarterly paid by such person and persons to whom the sd vicarage doth and shall stand sequestred. The examinacon of wch cause (in case any shalbe shewne) This Committee doe refer to the Committee of parliam^t for the sd County who are hereby desired to examine the same and take care what the sd Mrs White shall say for herselfe therein calling before them the parties and witnesses on both sides in the premisses and to certify the same to this Committee by the sd tenth of June next. (*Add. MSS.* 15,669, fo. 52*b*; 15,670, fo. 178*b*, Aug. 12, 1646; 15,671, fo. 110*b*, July 9, 1647.

Junij 10° 1645.

Whereas this Comittee haue graunted vnto Agnes wife of Mr. [Robt.] White from whome the Vicarage of Eaton Soca' in ye County of Bedd is sequestred a 5th pte of the proffitts of the sd Vicarage vnlesse good cause should be shewen to the Contrary before the Com'ittee of Parliam^t for the sd Countie And the sd Mrs White hath procured Mr. Abbot to whome the same is sequestred to be sum'oned before the sd Com'ittee on the xiijth of May last & the sd Mr. Abbot accordinglie made his apparance before them but the sd M^ris White made default It is therefore ordered that the sd order for the said 5th pte be discharged & that the sd Mr. Abbott shall enioy the said sequestracon wthout any defalcacon thereof. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 88.)

Maij 12° 1647.

Ref Thomas Beck minister to the Assemblie for the Church of Eaton Socon Com Bedd. (*Add. MS.* 15,671, fo. 44*b*.)

FFLITTON & SILSHOE.

By vertue of an Order made by ye Com^tee of ye house of Comons in Parliam^t concerning plundred ministers These are to require and comaund you William Ramsey viccar of fflitton & Silshoe in ye County of Bedd to make y^r personall appearance before the sayd Comt^ee on ye 3^d day of Aprill next ensueing att two of ye clock in ye after noone in ye Excheq^r att Westminster to answere to all

such matters as shall be obserted ag^{t} you vpon certaine Articles p'ferred ag^{t} you to ye sayd Comtee hereof faile not as you will answere ye contrary att y^{r} perill dated ye 17th day of Januar' Anno Dni 1645. (*Add. MS.* 15,670, ff. 1, 1*b*; ff. 55*b*, Apr. 4, 1646; 205, Sept. 3, 1646.)

Maij 11° 1647.

Vpon hearing of the Cause concerning William Ramsey Vicar of fflitton cu Silsoe in the countie of Bedd in the psce of the prosecutors & their Councell the said Mr. Ramsey not appearing though duely sumoned. It appeareth that the said Mr. Ramsey is a comon drunkard It is therefore Ordered that the said Vicarage & the profitts thereof be from henceforth sequestred from him the said Mr. Ramsey to the vse of some godly & orthodox Divine. (*Add. MS.* 15,671, fo. 14*b*; ff. 27*b*, May 19, 1647; 92, June 29, 1647; 116, July 10, 1647; 242, Oct. 16, 1647.)

Hawnes, Julij 29° 1645.

It is ordered that the Rectory of Hawnes in the County of Bedd & the proffitts thereof shall from henceforth stand and be sequestred from John Bird Rector thereof for the misdemeanors certified ag^{t} him from the Comittee of Parliam^{t} sittinge at Bury St Edmonds in the county of Suff vnlesse hee shewe very good Cause to the Contrary on Thursday the 7th day of August next ensueing. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 122.)

Julij 29° 1645.

This Coittee doe appoynt to take into Consideracon the Cause transmitted from the Coittee sitting at St. Edmonds Bury in the County of Suff against John Bird rector of Hawnes in the County of Bedd being also rector of Bayleham in the County of Suff on the fourteenth of August next. Whereof he is to have convenient notice & it is ordered that the pfitts of the said rectory of Hawnes be secured & put into safe hands vntill the pleasure of this Coittee be further knowne. (*Ibid*, fo. 124*b*; fo. 129*b*, Aug. 2, 1645.)

August 19° 1645.

It is ordered that Mr. Bird Minister of Hawnes in ye Countie of Bedd be forthwith discharged of & from the Cure of the sd Church of Hawnes & all proffitts and

benefitts thereof for the matters depending ag^t him before this Com'ittee & for that he hath another benefice w'th Cure of Soules at Baynham in the County of Suff And it is ordered that the pishioners of the sd pishe of Hawnes doe nominate vnto this Com'ittee a minister who maie be appointed to officiate the sd Cure by this day month. (*Ibid.* fo. 146*b*.)

ffebruar 7° 1645.

Ordered that the Church of Hawnes and Cure there in the County of Bedd from wch Mr. Bird minister there is by order of this Co^ttee removed shall be officiated by Willm Tutty minister of ye word Mr of Arts Ref Willm Tutty minister to ye assembly. (*Add. MS.* 15,670, fo. 20; ff. 51*b*, Mar. 24, 1645; 73*b*, Apr. 23, 1646; 112*b*, May 28, 1646.)

ffebr 7 : 1645.

Whereas Mr. Bird minister of the p'ish Church of Hawnes in the County of Bedd is discharged by order of this Co^ttee of & from the Cure of the said Church & all profits & benefits thereof It is this day ordered that Willm Tutty M^r of artes a godly and orthodox divine doe pntly officiate the said Cure and preach diligently to the pishoners there and shall have for his paines therein all stipends ffees profitts & availes of & belonging to the minister of the said Church till further order shall bee taken in ye p'misses & all p'son and p'sons are hereby (?) required quietly to p'mitt the said Mr. Tutty to officiate ye sd Cure & to have possesse [and] enioy all stipends ffees benefits pfitts & availes of & belonging to ye minister of [the said] Church as they will answere ye Contrary at their pill. (*Ibid.* fo. 20.)

9° Maij 1646.

It is ordered that Mr. Tutty setled in the Church of Hawnes in the Countie of Bedd by order of this Com'ittee & now leavinge the same for want of maintennce & havinge desired satisfacc'on for the tyme of his service there It is Ordered that the said Mr. Tutty shall have a proporconable pte of the proffitts due to the minister of the said Church according to the tyme of his said service. (*Ibid.* fo. 84.)

LEIGHTON, At: Martij 22° Anno dmi 1644.

This Coittee have taken into Consideracon the peticon of John Goodwin from whom the Vicarage of Leighton in the County of Bedd is sequestred to be restored to the said Vicarage notwthstanding wch this Coittee thinke not fitt to discharge the said sequestrac'on. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 39*b*; fo. 78*b*, May 24, 1645.)

At: [Julij 5° 1645.]

Whereas the Vicarage of the p'ish Church of Leighton Butezard in the County of Bedd is and standeth sequestred from John Goodwin by order of this Co^ttee^ for seuall misdemeands It is ordered that Jacob Tomkins a godly & orthodox divine doe pntly officiate the Cure of the said Church as Vicar & preach diligently to the pishoners there & shall have for his paines therein the vicarage house and gleab Landes and all the tithes rents ducties and profitts whatsoeu' of the said Vicarage till further order shall be taken in the p'misses & all arreares due by vertue of the said sequestrac'on And all p'son &c. vt in Hurst 106. (*Ibid.* fo. 102.)

LITTLE STOUGHTON. Maij 19° 1647.

Vpon the humble peticon of William Lake Batchello^r^ in Divinity It is ordered that Mr. Mason minister of the word shall haue liberty to shew what Cause he can wherefore the said Mr. Lake should not enioy the Rectory of little Stoughton in the County of Bedd according to his Claime thereto And the said Mr. Mason dismissed therefrom on the first day of June next. (*Add. MS.* 15,671, fo. 31*b*.)

Junij 4to 1647.

This Comittee doe appoint Tuesday next to heare pties & Councell on both sides in the Cause betweene Mr. Lake & Mr. Mason concerninge the Rectorie of little Stoughton in the Countie of Bedd. (*Ibid*, fo. 47*b*.)

Junij 1° 1647.

Whereas this Com'ittee did appoint this day to heare what Cause Mr. Mason would shew wherefore Mr. Lake should not enioy the Rectorie of little Stoughton in the

Countie of Bedd accordinge to his clayme therevnto & the sd Mr. Mason dismissed therefrom And the sd Mr. Mason hath produced the order of the 19th of December 1644 whereby this Comittee had confirmed him in the sd Rectorie Vpon hearing the said Mr. Lake concerninge his clayme therevnto by vertue of a pntacon thereof from the Mr. & ffellowes of Corpus Christi Colledge in Oxon patrons of the sd Rectorie It is therefore ordered that the said Cause be dismissed & that the said former order of the 19th of December [be] confirmed. (*Ibid.* fo. 48*b.*)

Junij 8° 1647.

Mr. Mason entred his appearance this day in the Cause appointed to be heard this day betweene him & Mr. Lake by Order of the fourth of June instant. (*Ibid.* fo. 49.)

July 5 1647.

In the cause betweene Mr. Lake Rector of Little Stoughton in ye County of Bedd & Mr. Mason who holdeth ye said Rectory by order of this Cotte It is ordered by consent of both sides yt ye former order of this Cotte of ye ninth of July Anno Dom' 1644 whereby ye sd Mr. Mason was setled in ye sd rectory & ye order of ye 19th of Dec. 1644 whereby ye said Mr. Mason was confirmed in ye sd rectory be taken off & discharged & yt ye sd Mr. Lake be setled in ye sd rectory & yt he enioy ye same & ye p'fitts thereof according to his legall right therevnto by vertue of his psentacon thereto from Corpus Christi Colledg Oxon & his instituc'on & induce'on therevpon & ye order of this Cotte of ye first of November in ye said yeare for his sd setling & investing in ye said Rectory in p'suance thereof. (*Ibid.* fo. 101*b.*)

LUTON, Decembr 6to Anno Dni 1645.

Whereas Mr. Samuell Austin to whom ye Church of Luton in ye County of Bedd is sequestred hath giuen p'sonall satisfac'on this day to this Com'tee wherefore hee leaueth ye cure of ye sd church & hath desired yt an especiall care may bee taken for ye setling of some Godly minister in his steed in regard of ye deuicons of ye sd parishe This Comtee doe recomend ye same to ye Knts of ye sheire & Gent of ye sayd County who are desired

to take some speedy courese for ye Reconsiling ye sd differences & to enquire some other able & Godly Divine for ye sd Church in ye steed of ye sd Mr. Austin And ye sd Mr. Austin is desired to attend the sd Kn^ts^ & gent and acquaint them herew'th And ye Justices of peace for ye sayd County are desired to take some speedy & effectuall Course for ye sd Mr. Austin his Recouery of ye tythes & p'fitts of ye sd Church due vnto him. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 220*b.*)

3° March [1645].

Ordered that the vicarage of Luton sequestred to the vse of Mr. Austin & by him relinquished shall stand sequestred to the vse of Thomas Atwood Rotherham minister of the word Refer him to ye assembly to be exaied. (*Add. MS.* 15,670, fo. 30*b.*)

7° Martij 1645.

Whereas ye vicarage of ye parishe Church of Luton in ye County of Bedd was by order of this Com'ittee sequestred by consent of Mr. Bird to ye vse of Samuell Austine a godly and orthodox Divine who hath since left ye same It is ordered y^t^ ye sd vicarage shall from henceforth stand sequestred to ye vse of Thomas Attwood Rotherham a Godly and Orthodox Diuine who is required forthw'th to officiate ye cure of ye sd Church as vicar and preach Diligently to ye parishoners there. (*Ibid.* fo. 38.)

MARSTON, August 17° 1647.

Vpon Complaint made by John How to whome the Rectorie of Marston in the Countie of Bedd is sequestred that notw'thstanding the sequestrac'on & in Contempt thereof Doctor Couckson from whome the same is sequestred did the 5th of this instant August by Combynacon wth Thomas Couckson his sonne & one Richard Sanders discharge the sd Mr. How from receiving of the proffitts of the sd Rectorie . . . . . It is ordered that the said Doctor Couckson Thomas Couckson & Richard Sanders doe make their appearance before this Com'ittee on the ninth day of September next to answere their said Contempt (&c.) (*Add. MS.* 15,671, fo. 182.)

MELCHBURNE, At: ffebr 4° 1644.

Ordered Strickland Negus Clarke to ye assembly for ye Vicarage & Church of Melchburne in Com Bedd vt supra verbatim. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 8*b*.)

At &c. ffeb: 6to Anno dmi 1644. approved of by ye Assembly.

Whereas John Ailmer Vicar of the p'ish Church of Melchbourne in the County of Bedd is a Comon frequenter of Alehouses and tipler there as well on the Lords dayes as otherdayes & a Comon drunkard & it was therefore ye eighteenth day of May last ordered that the said Vicarage should be sequestred from him It is this day ordered that Strickland Negus a godly & orthodox divine doe pntly officiate the said Cure as Vicar and preach diligently to the pishoners of the said parish in the said Church and shall have for his paines therein the Vicarage house & gleab Landes & all the tithes rents ducties and profitts whatsoeu' of the said Vicarage till further order shall be taken in ye pmisses & all pson & psons whatsoeu' are hereby required quietly to permit (?) the said Mr. Negus to officiate the said Cure & to enter possesse & enioy ye said house & gleab Lands & to have receive & take to his owne vse all the tithes rents ducties & p'fitts whatsoeu' of ye said Vicarage as they will answere the contrary at their pill. (*Ibid.* fo. 10.)

MEPPERSHALL, July 5° 1645.

Whereas this Committee haue by their order of the xvth of October Anno Domi 1644 referred vnto the Coittee of Bedd or any 4 of them the setting out & apporconm^t of the 5th pte towards the maintenance of Mrs Archer & her children out of all tithes rents gleablands & Easterbooke whatsoeu^r belonging to the rectory of Mepershall in the sd County who haue accordingly apporconed the same & by the full & cleere consents of Mr. Syms to whom the sd rectory is sequestred and the sd Mrs Archer haue ordered that the sd Mr Syms should pay to the sd Mrs Archer 10£ of lawfull money on the first of Aprill then next ensueing & that thereafter the sd Mrs Archer for and towardes her

maintenance should receiue & haue in possession in Meper-shall aforesd the tithes of Richard Emery Henry Kympton Henry Mathewe & young Mr Newdicks Landes with the other halfe of the tithes belonging to Robert Mathewes farme excepting the Easterbooke out of all the said parties as by their order of the 30th of January last now read appeareth It is ordered that the sd order & apporconm^{t} be and the same is hereby ratified & confirmed & this Committee doe hereby require & enioine the sd pties to yeald all conformity & obedience vnto the sd order & determinacon of the sd Committee in all points thereof accordingly. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 104*b*.)

Julij 24to 1645.

Whereas this Comittee have apporconed vnto the wife of Dr. Archer from whome the Rectory of Meppshall in the Countie of Bedd & Hertf is sequestred the 5th pte for maintennce of her & her Children out of seuall of the proffitts of the sd Rectory to be by her received in kinde. It is ordered that she shall paie for & out of the said ffifth pte soe ordered vnto her a 5th pte of all taxes charges & paym^{ts} whereof the said Rectory hath stood charged since the tyme y^{t} a 5th pte was ordered vnto her & wch the said Rectory doth and shall from tyme to tyme hereafter stand charged wth. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 113*b*.)

Julij 14° 1647.

It is ordered that Charles Noble one of ye pishion^{rs} of Mepsall in the countie of Bedd & Hertford doe forthwith pay vnto Mr. William Simes to whom the Rectory of Mepsall aforesaid is sequestred the tythes of the said Rectory from him due vnto the said Mr. Simes. In default whereof it is Ordered that the said Mr. Noble doe make his appearance before this Co^{tte} on the 27th day of July instant to shew Cause to the contrary. (*Add. MS.* 15,671, fo. 133.)

Milbrooke, Att &c. ffebr 22° Anno Domi 1644.

This Committee doe appoint to consider of the seu'all petic'ons of Mr. Carre late Curate of Milbrooke in the County of Bedford and of Mr. Widdowes to whom the Rectory of Milbrooke standeth sequestred on tuesday next. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 18.)

Att the &c. ffebr 25° Anno Domi 1644.

It is ordered that the Justices of Peace in the County of Bedd be desired to take some course that the tithes due to Mr. Widdowes of and belonging to the rectory of Milbrooke in the County aforesaid be forthwth paid him according to the late ordinance of Parliament due by vertue of the orders of this Comittee in that behalfe & that the said Mr. Widdowes doe out of the said profitts and vpon his receite of them pay vnto Mr Car late Curate there so much as they shal find vpon exaiacon to be iustly due & owing to the said Mr Carr by the said Mr. Widdowes for his service of the said Cure & for other the iniuries & abuses the said Mr. Widdowes hath sustained by the said Mr. Car or any others in opposing his execucon and enioyment of the orders of this Comittee this Comittee doe referre the same to the Comittee for the said County who are hereby desired to examine & determine the same yf they can or otherwise to certify the saide exaiacons to this Comittee. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 21.)

Junij 12° 1645.

It is ordered that the Articles this day p'ferred ag^t Daniell Widdowes Minister of Milbrooke in ye County of Bedd be referred to the Comittee of the sd County who are desired to take the sd Mr. Widdowes his Answere therevnto & the exaiacons of the witnesses w'ch he shall p'duce as well for proofe of the sd Articles as of the sd Mr. Widdowes his defence therevnto & to certifie the same to this Com'ittee summoning before them ye witnesses on both sides in the sd Cause. (*Ibid.* fo. 88.)

POTTON, Sept 2° 1647.

Vpon Complaint made by John Kinge to whome the Viccarage of Potton in the Countie of Bedd is sequestred that notwthstandinge the sd sequestracon & in Contempt thereof George Sheeres from whome the sd Viccarage is sequestred hath latelie by Combynacon w^th & encouragem^t of Richard Perrott Abraham Perrott George Briggs & Thomas Tansly pishioniers of the sd pish intruded himselfe into the Viccarage house laid violent hands vpon the sd Mr. Kings wife & serv^t & prohibiteth the pishioners to paie their tithes vnto him the sd Mr.

King. It is ordered that the said pishioners & all other pson & psons whatsoever doe forthwith paie vnto the sd Mr. King all tithes & proffitts of the sd viccarage from them respectivelie due vnto him notwthstanding the clayme & p'tence of the sd Mr. Sheeres therevnto, &c. (*Add. MS.* 15,671, fo. 191*b*; fo. 229*b*, October 6, 1647; fo. 248 *bis*, October 21, 1647.)

SUNDON.

Att the Committee &c ffebr 25° Anno Domi 1644.

It is ordered that Mr Palmer and Mr Bowles members of the assembly of divines be desired to attend this Committee to testify their knowledge to what shalbe propounded to them concerning Mr John Davie desired by the inhabitants of Sundon in the County of Bedd to have the sequestracon of the vicarage there by their peticon this day preferred by Mr Welles and that a copy of the sd peticon be sent vnto the said Mr Palmer and Mr Bowles. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 20 *bis*.)

October 4to 1645.

Ordered a fift p't to Elizabbeth the wife of Sands Potts from whom the Vicarage of Syndon in the County of Bedd is sequestred vnlesse good cause be shewne to the contrary before the Co^{ttee} for ye said County. vt in Minster 279. (*Add. MSS.* 15,669, fo. 182; and 15,671, fo. 240*b*, Oct. 15, 1647.)

TEMSFORD, Sept 25° [16]46.

It is ordered that the Articles exhibited agst Giles Kinge minister of Temsford in the County of Bedds (a copy whereof is hereto annexed) be referred to the Comittee of p'liam^{t} for the said County or any 3 of them who are desired to receiue the said Articles and to call before them and examine the wittnesses that shall be p'duced as well for profe of the said Articles as of the said Mr. Kings defence And to certifie the sd articles answere & examinac'ons to this Comittee. (*Add. MS.* 15,670, fo. 233*b*.)

Maij 28° 1647.

Referred Edward Rolt to the Assembly for the Cure of Tempsford com Bedd. (*Add. MS.* 15,671, fo. 37*b*.)

Maij 28° 1647.

Whereas the Rectorie of the p'ish Church of Tempsford in the Countie of Bedd is & standeth sequestred from Giles Kinge by order of this Comittee of the 4th of March last It is ordered that the sd Rectorie shall from henceforth stand sequestred to the vse of Edward Rolt a godlie & orthodox Divine & that he doe forthwth officiate the Cure of the sd Church as Rector & preach &c. (*Add. MS.* 15,671, fo. 46*b*; ff. 112*b*, July 9, 1647; 145, July 20, 1647; 178, August 17, 1647.)

TILBROOKE, Julij 5° 1645.

Ordered that the Committee of Parliamt sitting at Bedford be and they are hereby desired to receaue the articles that shalbe pferred agt Edward Savidge rector of Tilbrooke in the sd County and to take his answeare therevnto and to call before them & examine the witnesses on both sides in the sd cause & to certify the same to this Committee. (*Add. MS.S.* 15,669, fo. 104; ff. 144*b*, Aug. 23, 1645; 151*b*, Aug. 30, 1645; and 15,670, fo. 55*b*, Apr. 4, 1646.)

Sept. 1645.

It is ordered that the rectory of Tilbrooke in the County of Bedd be sequestred from Edward Savage for that hee hath expressed great Malignancy agt the p'liamt & their proceedings inveighing agt them wth seu'all fearefull curses & saying hee hoped to see them haing (?) in Hell and that there are none belonging to them but rogues & Rascalls. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 176*b*.)

Martij 26 1646.

Ordered that the rectory of Tilbrooke in the County of Bedd sequestred from Savage by order of this Cottee for seu'all Misdemeanors shall stand sequestred to the vse of John Eldred minister of the word.

Referred John Eldred &c to ye assembly. (*Add. MS.* 15,670, fo. 49*b*.)

Martij 26 1646.

Whereas ye Rectory of ye parish Church of Tilbrooke in ye County of Bedd was by order of this Comittee

Sequestred from Sauage It is ordered y^t ye sd rectory shall from henceforth stand sequestred to ye vse of John Eldred minister of ye word a Godly & orthodox Divine who is hereby required forthwth to officiate ye cure of ye sd Church as Rector & preach diligently to ye parish'oners there & shall haue for his paines &c. vt pag 7° Hothfeild. (*Ibid.*)

Martij 26° 1646.

Whereas the rectory of the p'ish Church of Tilbrooke in the County of Bedd is sequestred by order of this Co^ttee from Edward Savage for seu'all Misdemeanor^s It is ordered that the said rectory shall stand sequestred to John Eldred a godly & orthodox Divine who is hereby required forthw'th to officiate the Cure of the said Church as rector & preach diligently to the p'ishoners there. (*Ibid.* fo. 56*b.*)

August 11° 1647.

Ref Nicholas Mason minister to the Assemblie for the Cure of the Church of Tilbrooke in Com. Bedd. (*Add. MS.* 15,671, fo. 164.)

August 11° 1647.

Whereas the Rectorie of the p'ish Church of Tilbrooke in ye Countie of Bedd is by order of this Co^ttee sequestred from Edward Savage to the vse of John Eldred whoe hath sithence relinquished the same It is Ordered that the said Rectorie shall from henceforth stand sequestred to the vse of Njcholas Mason a godlie and Orthodox Divine & that he doe forthwith officiate the Cure of the said Church as Rector & preach &c. (*Ibid.* fo. 165.)

Tilsworth, Octobr 25 1645.

This Co^ttee doe appoynt to take into Considerac'on the cause transmitted from the Co^ttee for the County of Bedd against ffrancis Kines Vicar of Tilsworth in the said County on the IX day of December next whereof he is to have convenient notice. (*Add. MS.* 15,669, fo. 200*b.*)

TINGRAVE, Maij 9° 1646.

Ordered that W'us Witton minister of Tingraue in the County of Bedd be sumoned to answere the Articles ex^ted^ ag^t^ him xxiiith Junij next. Sumon ye said W^us^ Witton ad respond die p'dict. Sum witnesses ad test contr' Wm Witton die pdict. (*Add. MS.* 15,670, fo. 86*b*; ff. 125, June 23, 1646; 142*b*, July 4, 1646; 180, Aug. 13, 1646; 232*b*, Sept. 25, 1646.)

Septemb^r^ 17 [16]46.

Vpon hearing the cause betweene Willm Witton Rector of Tingrith in the County of Bedds & the pishioners thereof in p'sence of counsell on both sides It appeareth that the said Mr Witton hath published in his Church a pclamacon from the King pclaimeing the Earle of Essex & all his adherents Traytors but hath refused to publish such declaracons as come from the pliam^t^ & hath otherwise expressed great malignancy ag^st^ the pliam^t^ It is therefore ordered that the said Rectory & the pfits thereof be sequestred from the said Mr. Witton to the vse of some godly & orthodox divine. (*Add. MS.* 15,670, fo. 217.)

TURVYE.—4to Sept 1646.

It is Ordered y^t^ ye Articles ex^ted^ ag^t^ minister of Turveye in ye County of Bedd a copy whereof is herevnto annexed be referred to ye Com^tee^ of Parl for ye sd County or any three of them who are desired to receiue ye sd Mr Answere to ye sd Articles and exaine such wittnesses as shall be pduced as well of ye said Articles as of ye sd Mr Defence and to certific ye sd Articles Answere & exaiacons to this Comittee. (*Add. MS.* 15,670, fo. 208*b*.)

WENSTNINGE.

Somoned Rawlings and wittnesses ad Testificant contra Rawlings p'dict vicar of Wenstning in Com Bedd 21° April Instant. Dated 4° April 1646. (*Ibid.* ff. 52, 55.)

April 28° 1646.

Whereas Mr. Rawlins Vicar of Westning in the County of Bedd hath married the onely daughter of Mr. Vincent of being but 3 miles distant from his said p'ish to one in a private manner in his p'ish Church in the p'sence onely of the said his brother wthout asking her fathers consent or publishing the contract of matrimony betweene them, & contrary to the direcc'ons in the Directory It is therefore ordered that his said offence be reported to the house to the end that such punishment may be inflicted on him as they shall in their wisdome think fit. (*Ibid.* fo. 82.)

DANIEL HIPWELL.

34, *Myddleton Square, Clerkenwell, London.*

Monumental Inscriptions.

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CADDINGTON.

Nos. 1, 2, and 3 are tablets on the wall; Nos. 4, 5 and 6 are stones on the floor.

1. Near this place lyeth interred the body of JOHN COPPIN of Margret Cell in this parish and of Ubbury in ye County of Bedford Esquire: to whose pious memory Mary his relict hath erected this Monument in testimony of her own great losse and his great merits. A gentleman not without honour by his descent but deriving greater to himselfe by his virtue. An husband the most constant. A father the most affectionate. A friend the most faithfull. A subject the most loyall, deare to the rich by his courtesy, to the poor by his charity to all by his civility devoting himself to ye service of his Prince & Countrey, was made deputy Lieutenant and Captain of a troop of horse under ye Right Honble Robert Earle of Ailesbury, Lord Lieutenant of ye County of Bedford: He died ye first of July 1684, aged 52 years lamented by, because a losse to all that knew him.——Here lies buried in this chancell

of his children THOMAS aged 3 years died 1665, GEORGE aged 3 years died 1668, MARY aged 16 years died 1679, another THOMAS aged 7 years died 1682. His surviving issue are JOHN, FRANCIS, ROBERT, & SAMUELL, MARTHA, ANNE, LETICIA, ELIZABETH, & SARAH.

2. Near this place lyeth interred the body of Mrs. MARTHA COPPIN the relict of THOMAS COPPIN, Esq., Gentleman of the Privy Chamber to King Charles the first son of Sir George Coppin, K^{t}, Clark of the crown to king James the first. She was the daughter of LUKE NORTON of Offly of Hertfordshire, Esq., and had by her Husband 7 children, 3 sons & 4 daughters who all died before her and most of them lye Buried in this Chancel wth her. She died the 24th of Jan: 1685 in the 80th year of her age. This Monument was Erected at the Charge of Mrs. Mary Coppin her daughter in law whom she left her sole executrix.

3. MARTHA COPPIN of Market Cell Widow deceased Gave by will Oct the 4th 1684 To the Parson Vicar or Curate & to the Church Wardens of the Parish of Caddington in ye county of Hertford & Bedford and to their Successors & assigns for ever to see disposed of, to and for the use of six poor Housekeepers that frequent God's Ordinances and divine Service at the said parish Church of Caddington one Annuity or Rent Charge of six pounds per Annum to buy them Cloaths, share and share alike the said Martha Coppin settled a House and Lands belonging lying and being in Market Street in the parish of Studham in the County of Bedford now the Cross Keys, and what Rent or profits shall be made or arise hereafter Yearly and every Year from the said House and Lands belonging more than six pounds per Annum to be preserved and kept by John Coppin and his Heirs for ever to keep the same House and Premises in repair. Done in the year 1763, by the order of WILLIAM BLOW and JOHN DAY, Churchwardens.

4. Here lyeth interred the body of THO. COPPIN of Markyate Cell, Esq., sone and heire of Sr George Coppin Kt haveing issue by his wife Martha one of the daughters of Luke Norton of Offley Esq. three sonnes THOMAS, JOHN, and GEORGE; and fower daughters ANNE, ELIZABETH, LETTICE, and MARTHA, who died the eight day of December Ano Dni. 1662. in the 58th yeare of his age.

5. Here lyeth ye body of THOMAS COPPIN, Esq., eldest sonne of Thomas Coppin of Markett Cell in this parish and of Martha one of ye daughters of Luke Norton of Offley in ye County of Bedford Esq. who dyed ye 18th day of July in ye yeare of our Lord 1658, being then high serife of ye County of Buckingham in ye 28 yeare of his age.

6. Here lyeth the body of SAMUELL REYNARDSON who dyed the 12th day of September 1691 in the third year of his age he was ye eldest son of Mr. Joseph Reynardson and Ann his Wife grandson to Sr Abraham Reynardson and by his vertous Mother descended from the ancient family of the Coppins.

CAMPTON.

Inscriptions relating to the following families: Banister, Bloomfield (the Poet), Carlyll (brass), Davenport, Fuller, Gouldsmith, Hicks, Milward, and Osborne will be found in "Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica," London, 1836, vol. iii. pp. 123-34.

CARDINGTON.

In the Chancel.

(*Brass on a tomb S. side of the Altar.*)

"Heere lyes Sr IARRATE HARVYE Knight second sonne to Iohn Harvye of | Thvrly Esq. and dame Dorathie his | wife on of the Coheiares of IOHN GAS | COINGE of Cardington manner Esq. | who decesed in the yeare of his age | 69 in the yeare of the Lord 1638."

(Figs. of a gent. & lady.)

(*Brass plate on a tomb N. side of the Altar*).

"To the memory of CECILL BUSSY Gent (onely sonne | of Andrew Bussy Esqr. yovnger sonne of Iohn Bussy | of Hather in the County of Lincolne Esqr.) whoe | died the first day of March Anno Doni 1632. And | of Elizabeth his wife one of ye davghters & coheires | apparent of Sr Gerrard Hervy of Cardington in ye Count. | of Bedford K^t by Dorothy dav^r & coheire of I^n Gascoigne | of Cardington aforesaid Esqr. To whose memory his | sorrowful

relict erected this Monvment. Moritur Pedict Cecill Bussy anno Æta' svi 29."

"Death is the path that all must tread, found out
Quickly by some, whilst others goe about:
Then greiue not freindes because I dide so soone
I my dayes Iourney finished by noone."

(Figs. of a gent. betw. 2 ladies, coats of arms on all their mantles.)

"Hic jacet | Corpus GEORGII BLUNDELL militis | directi Successoris et Heredis | Blundellianæ et Gasconianæ Familiæ Bedfordiensis, | epitaphium ejus propriâ Minervâ exaratum: | Anima et corpus | Ficti Locutores."

Anima. "Ab invisibile venij, ipsa invisibilis | Invisibiliter juncta fui etiam visibili; | Nec non soluta | Refugio ad invisibilem | Expers criminis. | *Corp.* Me secum reddidit Culpæ obnoxium | Hâc spe autem fruimur | Quibus aliena Transgressio impertiit | Et miserias et mortem; | Meritum alterius donabit | Et Æternitatem et gloriam | Obiit 11 die Novembris | Anno Domini 1688."

"Here lieth the body of | Dame ELIZABETH BLUNDELL relict of | Sir George Blundell, Knt. | Who departed this life in a joyful | Expectation of a better, | March 23 in the year of our lord 1724 | And of her age 81. | Here also lieth the body of | Elizabeth Blundell, their daughter, | Who, unable to bear her Mother's absence | With whome she lived in pious duty, | instantly accompanied her | the day and year above mentioned | in the 46th year of her age."

Arms.—On a lozenge,—Az. ten billets, 4, 3, 2, & 1, on a canton or a raven proper.—BLUNDELL, impaling—on a chevron—three garbs—a canton—charged with a fret—? YARDLEY.

(*The two following are loose in the church.*)

"GEORGE BLUNDELL | Esq: Eldest Son of S^r | George Blundell & Eliz: Byatt his wife | Died an Infant & was | buryed at Sauston in | Cambridge-Shire | This is set up by his | Sister ye Lady Sandys."

"Here lyeth Mrs SARA | BLUNDELL Daughter | of Sr George Blundell & | Eliz: Balam his Wif. She | Dyed in the 7th year of | her age & lyeth buried | in this Chancel. this was | sett up by her Sister | the Lady Sandys."

[There appears to be some confusion here in the name of Sir George's wife. Can any genealogist conversant with Lancashire pedigrees set me right?—ED.]

"H. S. E. | GEORGIUS BLUNDELL Armiger | Vir ob eximiam morum suavitatem, | Et singularem erga omnes benevolentiam | Domi forisque dilectus | Obiit | Augusti 11° A.D. MDCCLVI | Ætat: LV:

"Underneath lieth Interred ye Body | of Dorothy wife of HENRY WAGSTAFF | & Daughter of JOHN PECK of this Parish | Gent. by Elizabeth his wife Daughter of | JOHN POMFRET sometime Rector of Maulden | in this County & Sister to John Pomfret Late | Rouge Croix Pursuivant at Arms, who all lie | Buried near this place. She died February | ye 29th 1752 in ye 26th year of Her age. | Near this place lieth the Bodies of | John, Oliver, & Elizabeth; Sons | and Daughter of the said John and | Elizabeth Peck."

"Ripe for Heaven her soul ascending flew
And early bid this sinful world adieu
Short was her time the longer be her rest
In the eternal mansions of the blest."

"The Revd FROGMERE CUMMING, A.M. | Formerly Fellow of Trinity College Cambridge | A Prebendary of Lincoln | and Vicar of this Parish | And of | Keysoe in this County 30 years | Died May 4th 1820 aged 72."

"The Revd BARWELL COLLINS | was 29 Years resident and faithful Pastor | of this Parish | Eminent for his Care both of the Souls | and Bodies of his Flock | He died Feb: 23^d 1743 Aged 55. | Anne his Wife died July 2^d 1737 Aged 45. | their Remains were deposited near this place. | They left issue The Revd Robt Collins, Vicar of Gouldington | who died Aug^st 16th 1749. Aged 27. | Anne who married | the Rev^d W^m. CUMMING A. M. | Vicar of Great Barford | and Elizabeth | who died May 6th 1777, Aged 55."

"AND^w PELLINGER, Gent. | of Cotton End | Died September 23, 1719 | Aged 67 | Susannah his wife | Died April 1 1721. Aged 44?."

"Here Lyeth the Body of | GEORGE BLUNDELL, Esq., ye Onely | Son of Sr George Blundell Kt | of Fenlake within this p'sh who | Departed this Life July ye 8th 1709 | Aged 88? years."

(In the Churchyard, S. side.)

"Beneath this Stone are deposited the Remains | of the Rev^d ROB^T WILLAN A.M. Vicar of this Parish & Keysoe |

who died Jany 31st 1796. Ætat. 49. | And near the same lies the Body of CHARLES THOMAS | Son of the above & ANN his Wife who died Octr 7th 1791. Aged 13 | Also of ROBERT SMITH, who died Decr 26th 1792 | Aged 11 Years & 7 Months. | And of FRANCES AUGUSTA, who died Feby 4th 1794. | Aged 7 Months | Manet memoria Justi."

"On the south side of this stone | lies the body of | Elizabeth sixth Daughter of | the Revd ROBERT WILLAN Vicar of Cardington | who died September 8th 1841. | Aged 49 Years."

(*Extra-mural.*)

"Underneath are deposited the remains | of JOHN THOMPSON, | He was born at Anlaby near Hull | in the County of York | in the month of October 1745 | and died at Cardington on the 24th day of May 1814."

CLAPHAM.

"Here lyeth buried ye bodye of ANNE | WAFERER y^{e} | wife of THOMAS TURNER of Avdeley end in Essex | who Deceased in Childbed the viijth day of Febrvary Anno | Domini 1617."—*Brass.*

ARMS.—On a bend three cross crosslets, a label for difference, ——; impaling, gu., a fess nebulée between three plates, WAFERER.

The arms on the dexter side of the shield appear to correspond with those of Pooley of Biddenham, the adjoining parish! I cannot associate them with any family of Turner. Ann, wife of Thos. Turner, was da. of Thos. Waferer, of London. See "Visitations of Essex," Harl. Soc., part ii. p. 612.—ED.

"In memory of URSULA TAYLOR | Vicinâ hæc tacitâ tumulantur Urnâ | Ursulæ Filiolæ Sacræ Reliquæ: | Dum vixit, Patris Formâ & indole | Vera Effigies. | Phthisis utrisq' fuit fatalis, Lachrymas absterge, bis vidua mater, | Patrem visit qui est cum Deo | Et plusquam 10,000 Cælestium Virginum | Caetu divino Splendet triumphans. | Obiit Martii 20mo 1703° Aetat. 15°."

CHELLINGTON.

(*On a brass tablet in Chillington Ch.*)

"IOANE GODDARD | Here lyeth hir corps entombed which was ever | (From Infance to age) a dying liver. |

Hir Bodie here doth lye : noe | Massie stone entombs hir soule. | her soule is godward gone. | Who godward lives with God | shall live and reste | Than is her soul entomb'd | in Abram's Brest. | 1610 | Yet let not man defer to ye last howr | Repentance is of God not in man's powre."

CLOPHILL.

(In the Old Church.)

CHAS. FLETCHER, A.M., 68 years R. d. 13 Dec. 1753, aet. 87.

WILLIAM PIERCE NETHERSOLE, R. ob. 6 Dec. 1843 aet. 89.

EZEKIEL ROUSE, ob. 27 Feb. 1792, aet. 84, R. 57 years.

Rev. WILLIAM ROUSE, ob. 18 Nov. 1792, aet. 58, R. 4 months.

Rev. EZEKIEL ROUSE, ob. 17 Apr. 1799, aet. 60, R. 6 years.

Rev. DECIMUS REYNOLDS, A.M. R. of Chalfont St. Giles, Bucks., ob. 7. Dec. 1790, aet. 81.

COLMWORTH.

(Altar tomb of white marble, N. side of chancel.)

" M.S. WILL DYER Kt. Sonne & Heire of Sr Rich. Dyer Kt. heire of ye antient family of ye Dyers in Somers^t & heire of Judge Dyer Lord Chiefe Justice of the Comon Pleas. Of famous memory who put on immortality April ye 29 Ano^o Dni. 1621 Ætat^s suae 36. Who married Katherine Daughter & coheire of THOM. DOYLEY of Marton in ye county of Oxon Esq of ye Antient family of the Doyleys who in her life time at her owne charge out of the loyail respect to her hvsband did erect this monument Ano. Dni. 1641.

Who multiplied themselves into seven children.

Sr Lodowick Dyer Bart	and three daughters
Richard, Doyley, & James,	Ann, Mary, & Katherine

Henry son & heire of Sr Lodwick Dyer Baronet Dyed Sept. ye 22 1637 aged 1 yeare 11 weeks, & 3 days."

[There are also memorials relating to this family in the church at Gt. Staughton, Co. Hunts.—ED.]

COKAYNE-HATLEY.

Inscriptions relation to the Cokayne family are recorded in the "Gentleman's Magazine," vol. 71, ii. p. 1183, and in Fisher's "Monumental Remains."

CRANFIELD.

"Here lyeth interred the body of THOMAS | GRVBBE and a painful preacher & | Pastor of ye word of God 33 yeares in | this parrish He was aged 58 yeares | and deceased the 31 day of Avgvst 1652."—*Brass.*

"To the | Memory of | THOMAS FRANK | late Rector of this Church | Who died the fourth day of | February A^o D^ni 1690 | and on ye 63^d Year | of his Age."

Rev. THOS. FRANK vicar 40 years Comissary | & Archdeacon of Bedf. Ob. 2 Mar. 1730 æt. 68 | & Ann his wife d. & heiress of THOMAS | WILLIAMS of Gloue. Esq. Barrister at law æt. 63 | d. Mary, aged 30, Fliz'th Mother & relict of Thos (30 years Rector) æt. 89.

"Here is interr'd | part of the Family | of VENTRIS FIELD, Esqr. | Sir Francis and the | rest of the | Family | are Interr'd in their | Ancient Burial Place | at Campton Church | in this County."

(Notes from the Charity Board.)

GEORGE BURY, gent, will dated 1601, gave 40*s.* to the poor of Cranfield.

THOMAS BUTLER, A.D. 1619, gave by will, 2 acres.

RICHARD GRANGE, gent., A.D. 1685, gave by will £200 for apprenticing poor children.

Mrs. ELIZABETH FIELD, wid., A.D. 1694, gave by will 10*s.* yearly.

Some Bedfordshire Wills.

Abstracted from the Original Wills, and certified copies, at the District Court of Probate, Northampton.

(Continued from p. 160.)

Daniel Marsh, of Dunstable, gent., 9 June, 1638. To my 2 sisters Anne and Elizabeth £20 ea. To my 3 brothers John, William, & Francis, £10 ea. To my uncle's 2 children, Thomas & Edward, 10*s*. apiece. To poor of Dunstable 30*s*. Residue to loving father William & Eliz'th his wife my mother. Appoints father sole exor. Pr. 11 Aug. 1638.

John Maxey, of Harlington, gent., nunc. will, 6 Feb. 1641. In the house of John Chenye of Hockliffe in the presence of John C. & Anne his wife. Adam Lewgar to be his exor. Walter Baker to have his sword & Robert Cheney to have his hanger. Pr. at Toddington 17 Mar. 1641.

David Malcott, of Eaton Socon, gent., 13 May, 1650. To Susanna, d. of Richard Briscoe, £20. Mentions son-in-law Richard Swann. To each of my wife's grandchildren £3 apiece, except the 3 eld. child. of Thomas Hale, gent., to which three 15*s*., equally to be divided. To brother Thomas M. 20 of my best ewes. Marie, d. of John Luke, gent., & Margaret Dixie, wid., 40*s*. each. Thomas Kent, gent., 20*s*. to buy a ring. Barbara Stocker, wid., & Ann, her da., 5*s*. each. To Mr. Thomas Beck, for tithes due, 40*s*. Residue to wife Katherine. Pr. 10 Sept. 1651.

John Marvaile, of Dunstable, Beds, gent., 17 Dec. 1662. To be bur. in par. ch. or chyd. of D. To wife Elizabeth dwelling-house called the White Hart in Dunst. Father Robert M. Reversion of White Hart to brother Robert M., of Chelsea, co. Middx. Kinsman John Wickens to have £50. Residue to wife, sole extrix. Pr. 9 Aug. 1665.

Mary Martin, of Moger Hanger, in par. Blunham, wid., —— 1663. To da. Mary M. £140 to be added to the remainder of her portion, she having lost so much by the failure of my Cozen William Browne. To s. Joseph M. £100, da. Mary £40, s. John M. £20 & my wedding ring. To da. Elizabeth £40 & ½ doz. of my newest silver spoons and 1 silver porringer. To da. Faith £20 and my silver tankard, and to da. Dorothy £20 To grandchildren

Thomas & John Bullocke a 20*s*. piece of gold ea. To sister Dorothy Phillips my diamond ring. To cozen George Wyan, of M., Esq., my silver sugar box. Da. Mary M. to be sole extrix., to whom she gives residue. Pr. in P.C.C. 15 Nov. 1667.

JOHN MORRIS, of Woburn, gent., 15 Mar. 1669. To wife Sarah £20 & household goods, to 2 sons John & Robert £50 ea., to 2 daurs. Sarah and Grace M., £20 ea. Friends Mr. Henry Gouldsmith and Mr. Nathaniel Lawson to be exors. Pr. 11 April, 1671.

WILLIAM MOORE, of Milton Ernys, gent., nunc. will, 10 Feb. 1672. Being asked what he would give away, answered that he would give nothing away, but make his wife Elizabeth, his now relict, sole extrix. Pr. 21 Feb. 1613.

RICHARD MOORE, of Colmworth, yeoman, 1 Mar. 1674. To wife Bridget tenement and land in common fields in C., to Jefferey M. the elder, my brother's s., 1*s*., & to Jefferey M. the younger 1*s*. Residue to wife, sole extrix. Pr. 10 Apr. 1675.

Gleanings from Parish Registers.

(CONTINUED FROM p. 108.)

PULLOXHILL.

BAPTISMS.

1564	July	23	**Lake**, Thomas, s. of Richard.
1566	May	30	,, William, s. of ,,
1568	Sep.	2	,, Agnis, d. of ,,
1569	Jan.	10	,, Marie, d. of ,,
1571	May	20	,, George, s. of ,,
1573	Feb.	29	,, Susan, d. of ,,
1574	Feb.	14	,, Eliz'th, d. of ,,
1578	Oct.	12	,, Frances, d. of ,,
1580	Feb.	4	**Piggot**, John, s. of Christopher.
1591	Jan.	29	**Wilmer**, Nicholas, s. of Thomas.
,,	Nov.	1	**Lake**, Libiah, d. of ,,
1600	Oct.	12	,, George, s. of ,,

1601	Feb.	21	**Lake**, Mary, d. of Thomas.
1606	June	20	**Collop**, Reignold, s. of ,,
1607	Feb.	7	**Pigot**, Anne, d. of John.
1608	June	21	**Collop**, Joane, d. of Thomas.
,,	Jan.	2	**Hill**, Susan, d. of Henry.
1609	July	22	**Collop**, Thomas, s. of Thomas.
,,	Mar.	25	,, Joan, d. of ,,
1617	June	28	**Lake**, Thomas, s. of ,,
1623	Apr.	10	**Pigott**, Mary, d. of Christr. & Eliz'th.
1632	Feb.	16	**Collop**, Thomas, s. of Thomas & Mary.
1636	July	14	**Crawley**, Anne, d. of Richard & Anne.
1643	Feb.	24	**Lake**, George, s. of George & Mary.
1647	Dec.	6	**Adams**, Mary, d. of Mr. Francis & Eliz'th.
1650	June	15	**Lake**, Will'm, s. of William & Sarah.
1651	Mar.	6	,, ,, s. of ,, & ,,
1655	Nov.	16	,, Sarah, d. of ,, born.
1657	July	4	**Fountayne**, Thos., s. of John, born.
1660	Nov.	5	**Wright**, Fleetwood, d. of Mr. John, min., born.
1664	Feb.	14	**Bathurst**, Eliz'th, d. of Mr. John & Lettis.
,,	Oct.	12	**Stanton**, Eliz'th, d. of Mr. Robt. & Eliz'th.
1715	July	3	**De-la-Port**, Chas., s. of John James & Eleanor, born 12 June.

MARRIAGES.

1582	Dec.	2	**Bemant—Piggot**, Robert & Alis.
1589	Feb.	25	**Wilmere—Lake**, Thomas & Agnes.
1597	,,	21	**Pigott—Deermer**, Henry & Ann.
1607	Sep.	7	**Manden—Lake**, Richard & Susan.
1611	May	19	**Iverye—Lake**, John & Elizabeth.
1636	Oct.	17	**Hill—Harvey**, Peter & Katharen.
1637	Apr.	11	**Eden—Butler**, Henrie & Mary.
1642	Feb.	13	**Lake—Gamble**, George & Mary.
1707	Nov.	17	**Caudwell—Sanderson**, Mr., Clerk, Vicar of Flitton, and Mrs. of this parish.
1711	Apr.	29	. . . **derfield—Danby**, Stephen, clergyman, & Ann, of Ampthill.
1714	. . .		**Anderson—Coote**, Edmund, gent., apothecary, of Potton, & Judeth, of Ampthill.

BURIALS.

1576	Jan.	3	**Claye**, Thomas, who had been ? clar. of Pulloxhill.
1581	July	23	**Piggot**, Christr.
1594	July	7	**Lake**, Richard, s. of Thomas.
1596	Mar.	28	**Egell**, Elizabeth, the wife of Cutberd egell was hanged at Bedford ffor wichecraft ye 28 day of March 1596.

1597	Nov.	16	**Fitz**, Anne, wife of George, gent.
1600	,,	29	**Lake**, George, s. of Thomas.
1604	Mar.	—	**Collins**, Joan, ye d. of John, vic.
1610	Aug.	18	**Fitz**, George, gent.
1615	June	3	**Collyns**, John, vic.
1636	July	14	**Crawley**, Anne, wife of Richard, of Barton.
1637	Sep.	15	**Pigott**, Joseph.
1640	Feb.	22	,, Mary.
1641	June	17	**Hopkins**, Parnell.
,,	Mar.	3	**Lake**, Susan, wife of George.
1643	Feb.	28	,, George, s. of ,,
1650	June	25	,, William, s. of William.
1653	,,	7	**Briers**, Sr. Wm., Kt, dyed at Vpbury on the 28th day of May & was bur. in the Chancel.
1654	Nov.	23	**Kent**, Thomas.
1656	Aug.	19	**Lake**, Old George, yeoman, died 17th August, bur.
,,	Sep.	25	**Lake**, George, eld. s. of above, died 24 Sept. betimes in the morning & was bur. in the evening following.
,,	Mar.	17	**Lake**, Sarah, wife of Willm.
1657	July	11	**Fountayne**, —— the s. of John.
,,	Aug.	24	**Kent**, Thomas.
,,	Oct.	17	**Hopkins**, Mr. Samuel, Minister of God's Word.
,,	Nov.	26	,, Parnell, wife of Mr.
1659	Mar.	8	**Lake**, William.
1662	June	13	**Briers**, The Lady Arabella, dyed on the 5th day of June, at London, and was bur. in the chancel.
,,	Jan.	10	**Pickat**, Mr. John, died Jan. 6 & was buried at Gravenhurst.
1666	Nov.	25	**Hall**, Mistris Judeth, d. to Mr. Simon Hale.
1677	Mar.	4	**Hale**, Mr. Simon, at the Lordship house in Pulloxhill, died 2 Mar., and was bur., aet. 78.
1678	Oct.	18	**Legat**, widow, aged 103 years.
1680	May	23	**Hale**, Mistris Judeth, wid., bur. in Linnen, died of the small-pox, aet. 80.
1708	Feb.	22	**Sanderson**, Madam.
,,	Mar.	24	,, Mr.
1713	Feb.	19	**Nevill**, Mr. William, of Haynes.
,,	June	9	**Reynardson**, Mr. Allen, gent.
1717	Mar.	2	**Nevill**, Mrs. Anne, single woman.
1728	Nov.	26	**Hale**, Mrs. Elizabeth.

ANCIENT DEEDS RELATING TO BEDFORD.

(Continued from p. 118.)

The following is a transcript of a deed, marked "D. 19," in the muniment room of the Corporation. The original is indistinct in places and the writing much faded. Among the witnesses is a William Harper, who may probably be identical with Sir William Harper, Knt., the founder of the Schools. The John Poley, senr., would probably be a son of John Pooley, of Biddenham, an abstract of whose will appears in the next issue.

F.A.B.

"Sciant p'sentes ex nos Thomas knyght sen' & Joh'es dalles sen' de Bedf' executores test'i Henrici Roberds sedm tenore' & exigenc' ult'e volūtat' d'ci Henrici dimisimus feofauimus & hac p'sent' carta nra confirmauimus Joh'i poley sen. & Thome Rowthe vna' shopa' siue Opella' vocat' le Scaidynghowe situat' in le Bocheryrowe de Bedford int' Shopa' priorisse & conuent' de harwolde ex parte occidental' & ten' *chre*? Hospital' sci leonards ex p'te orient' qua nup' ha'uimus [ex] dimissione & legato dci Henrici Roberds ut in tes'to suo *numus*? dat' et primo die Augusti Anno d'ni Mill'mo Ccccxij° plenius liquet h'end & tenend' [prefat'] shopa' siue Opella' cu' suis p'tis p'fat' Joh'e Poley & Thome Rowthe [& hered' suis] de capitab' d'nis feod' pro s'uic' inde debit' & de iure consuet' inperpetuum—intenco'e ad p'implend' ult' volu'tate' dci Henrici Roberds In cuius rei testimonium [huic] p'senti carte nre sigilla' nra Apposuimus Hiis testib' Thoma West vna'—Ville Bedford Ric'o Ward Johe Rolt Will'o Harp' & alijs multis dat' apud [Bedfordiam] pdcam vicesimo die Septembris Anno regni Regis Henrici octaui quarto."

Queries.

SKEFFINGTON—SKEVINGTON.—In Vol. II. of *Bedfordshire Notes and Queries* it is stated at p. 195 that Humph. Davisonne was collated to the Incumbency of Shelton, 2nd May, 1554, vacant by the death of . . . . Skevington. Patron, William Malory of Papworth. What was the Christian name of this . . . . . Skevington? And by what means? and when did the Malory family obtain the patronage? The manor of Shelton with the advowson of the church appear to have been the property of Sir Wm. Skeffington, of Skeff., in 1522, when he made his will (see Betham's "Baronetage of England," 1804, vol. iv. p. 189*). I should feel obliged if Mr. A. M. Carter Smith would reveal the name of the Mr. Skevington to whom Christian, the dau. of Edmond Williamson, was married (*Beds. Notes and Queries*, Vol. II. p. 66), with any other particulars he may possess. So far I have not been able to identify her. As I am collecting material for a pedigree of the Beds Skevingtons, I should feel grateful for any notes on this surname.

THOS. WM. SKEVINGTON.

Shipley, Yorks.

THE STIFF FAMILY.—The will of Eusebius Stiff of Elstow was proved in 1712; he names many Stiffs, amongst them being Amos, Daniel, Samuel, Gilbert, John, Joseph, Joyce, Mary, Eleazar, etc. I should be glad to have further details of this family and especially to know if it be found elsewhere in the county. Particulars of its *earliest* occurrence in Bedfordshire would greatly oblige. Replies may be sent direct to me.

W. P. W. PHILLIMORE.

124, *Chancery Lane, London.*

HOLY WELLS, ETC.

SIR,—I should be very grateful to any of your readers who would supply me with legends and traditions attaching to any holy wells, rivers or lakes, particularly in the county of Bedford.

Answers sent direct will much oblige

Yours truly,

R. C. HOPE, F.S.A.

Feb. 14, 1891, *Albion Crescent, Scarborough.*

BEDFORDSHIRE

NOTES AND QUERIES.

S. John's Hospital and Rectory, Bedford.

TRANSLATION OF THE ORDINANCE OF ROBERT DE PARYS, (SHOWING THE TRANSLATION VARIATIONS), AND OF BISHOP BEAUFORT'S RATIFICATION THEREOF.

Ordinance.

Be it remembered that in the year of our Lord * Nine hundred and eighty, Robert de Parys, Founder of the New Hospital of Saint John the Baptist in the Town of Bedford, for the Declaration of Estate of the same Hospital in future willeth and ordaineth, so far as in himself is, that in the said Hospital there be two or three Brethren according to the faculty of the said Hospital, of whom the more advanced do hold the place of Master, which Brethren together let them say Matins, and other Canonical hours, and celebrate Divine offices for the living and for the dead, every day, accordingly to the Estate of the said Hospital; and together also let them eat in the Hall, and lie in the Dormitory; and let them bear decent clothing, and priestly tonsure, with one mantle of black cloth or of other decent color, according to the disposition of the Master, which Brethren also at their admission shall swear obedience to the Master aforesaid, and that they shall stand in the same Hospital for term of their life, psalming and praying for the soul of the said Robert

* *One thousand*, prefixed in Bp. Longland's copy, but marked as an error by points.

de Parys, the Founder, and for the souls of John and Henry Saint John, and of John Le Neve, and also [of them] who have given rents or possessions to the same Hospital, or shall give in future. The aforesaid Founder willeth also and ordaineth that all poor [Men] who are of free birth of the aforesaid Town, in which the same Hospital is situate, if they shall have come to *that** poverty by misfortune, and without their own fault, and† ask sustenance in the same Hospital‡ be charitably received in the same House by the Master and Co-Brethren; all poor [Men] born out of the Town of Bedford being utterly repulsed, nor shall it be lawful to the Mayor nor to the Bailiffs of Bedford, nor to the Burgesses of the same *Town* § to present any poor [Man] to the said Hospital before that he shall have been presented to me or my Successors, and with my will or [that] of my Successors, he shall be received and that all the excesses of the same Brethren, committed within the closes of the Hospital aforesaid, or without, be corrected and punished by the Master aforesaid. And if the Brethren shall be found rebellious in the correction aforesaid, let them be corrected by the Bishop. Let the default of the Master himself lawfully proved be corrected by the Bishop himself. The aforesaid Founder willeth also and ordaineth that every Brother at his Admission take a corporal oath to hold and firmly observe all the Articles above written. And also the aforesaid Founder willeth and ordaineth that a copy of this Ordinance, for misfortune of Fire, or other whatsoever do remain in the Common Chest of the Town aforesaid and *be*‖ enrolled with the Mayor and Bailiffs who are and *for future time*¶ shall be, for the greater security *of such thing** and to all and singular the [things] contained in this Ordinance, and firmly to be holden to the presents *my*† seal is appended.

The collation of the same hath been made by Master John Catryk and it agreeth with the original.‡

* *any*, Longland.
† *be offered*, added in Beaufort's copy.
‡ Added in Longland's copy.
§ Omitted in Longland.
‖ Both copies have *is*.
¶ Omitted in Longland's.
* *hereof*, Longland.
† *our*, Longland.
‡ Contained only in Beaufort's Register.

Bishop Beaufort's Ratification.

To all the Sons of Holy Mother Church, to whom the present Letters shall come, Henry, by Divine permission, Bishop of Lincoln, Salvation in the Lord everlasting. KNOW YE ALL that we have inspected, handled and seen, certain Letters of Foundation or of Ordinance, of the Hospital, of Saint John the Baptist situate in the Town of Bedford, made by Robert de Parys, Founder of the same Hospital, and sealed with his seal (as it *appeareth*) * hanging in round form, in green wax, being not rased, not cancelled, not vitiated, nor in any part thereof suspected, but lacking all faults and suspicion: under the tenor which followeth. Be it remembered (as before). In witness of which thing, our seal is appended to these Presents. Given so far as to the sealing of the presents, in the Priory of Newnham the twenty third day of the Month of January in the year of our Lord One thousand three hundred ninety nine; and in the second year of our consecration.

A true translation of the foregoing extended copy,

Examined by me,

W. H. BLACK, F.S.A.

SIR FRANCIS CRAWLEY'S ANSWER.

At Stockwood Park, Luton, has lately been found an old parchment endorsed "Sr Francis Crawley's Answer." The document is headed

"The Answere of Sr ffrancis Crawley Kt one of the Justices of the Court of Comōn Pleas to the Articles of Impeachmt exhibited against him by the honble house of Comons."

The said defendant savinge unto himselfe all advantage of exception to the said Impeachment for answere thereunto he saith and confesseth that on or about the month

* *Appears*, in the Information, pa. 3.

of Nouember 1635 he was one of the Judges of the Court of Comon Pleas and had then taken the oath belongingc to that place and office And as to the opinion in the first article of his impeachment whereunto he is charged to have subscribed about the month of Nouember 1635 he this defendant humbly confesseth that he subscribed an opinion wch he taketh to be the same in effect as is contayned in the said first article of the said Impeachment but for certeynly therein referreth himselfe to the same And as to the extraindiviall opinion charged by the said second Article to be subscribed by this defend^t about ffebruary 1636 he likewise humbly confesseth that there beinge a letter sent from his Matie with questions therein inclosed to the effect of the questions mentioned in the said second Article of Impeachment he this defend^t did with the rest of the Judges and Barrons of the Excheq^r subscribe his opinion to [this?] effect as is conteyned likewise in the said second Article And as to the third Article of his impeachm^t likewise confesseth that he did deliver his opinion in the Excheq^r Chamber in the case of John Hampden Esqr that the said Mr Hampden upon the matter and substance of that case was chargeable with the money in question And this defend^t further saith that all the tymes of the said severall and respective opinions and subscriptions made and delivered as aforesaid he did conteine the law to be the law accordingc to such his opinions But this defend^t doth in all humilitie acknowledge his error of Judgm^t therein and saith that he had noe sinister ends or respects? or euill intentions in any of the p^rmisses And touchinge the fourth Article of the said Impeachm^t ffirst whereas he is charged thereby that he this defend^t declared and published in the Excheq^r Chamber and Western Circuite where he went Judge that the Kinges' right to Shipmoney was soe inherent a right in the Crowne as an Act of Parliam^t could not take it away he thereunto saith that he went divers tymes as Judge in the Western Circuite and it is not expressed in the said charge at what Circuite or at what tyme or place in the Circuite he this defend^t did make such publicaton or declaracon yet for Answere to the said p^te of the said charge he saith he did not make such declaracon or publicaton thereof in the Excheq^r chamber or in the Western circuite as in the said ffourth Article is charged And whereas he is further charged by the said

fourth Article that he with diuers malitious speeches enveighed against threatened and discountenanced such as refused to pay shipmoney Although the same are generally and [interteynely?] charged for that he conteineth he is not compellable to make Answere thereunto ye he thereunto and to all matters in the said Article conteyned whereunto he hath not before answered sufficient, he saith he is not of them or any of them guilty in such manner and forme as is contayned in the said articles of impeachment all wch matters this defendant is ready to answer and prove as this hon^ble Court shall award.

JOHN HERNE:
HRY ADAMES
JO^n FFOUNTAYNE.

COPPIN OF MERKYATE.

A PEDIGREE of this family is recorded in the "Visitation of Herts, 1634," published by the Harleian Society, vol. xxii. p. 45. A more extended one is also printed in Clutterbuck's "Herts," vol. i. p. 347. Having collected several additional evidences illustrating this pedigree, I have here incorporated them. I have placed Thomas and Francis, the third and fourth from the left in the last line, a generation lower than Clutterbuck, as they obviously cannot be the children of John and Mary as he prints them. Some Monumental Inscriptions, kindly copied for me by a daughter of the late Rector of Caddington, will be found in the last number of this work. Samuel Reynardson was twice Sheriff for this County, viz. in 1675 and 1677. I have not yet been able to discover any record of the marriage of John Coppin with Anne, nor yet the name of his wife.

F. A. B.

COPPIN OF MERKYATE.

ARMS.—*Or, a chief of one row, Vair.* CREST.—*Out of a ducal coronet a cock Or.*

Thomas Coppin, of Market Cell, Esq., s. of Sr. Geo. Coppin, Kt., by Anne, eld. d. of Thos. Norton, of Sharpenhoe, co. Bedf. Ob. 8, bur. 12 Dec. 1663, æt. 57.(1) = Martha, d. of Luke Norton, of Sharpenhoe; m. l. dat. 29 Jan. 1626, at S. Anne's, Blackfriars. Ob. 24, bur. 30 Jan. 1685, æt. 79. (4)(1)

- Anne, b. *c.* 1620, ux. Wm. Barnes, of E. Winch, co. Norf., Esq, m.l. dat. 20 Aug., m. 29 Aug. 1647.(4) (1)
- 1. Thomas, bapt. 4 Fb. 1630. Adm. to Gray's Inn, 14 Jan. 1651. Sheriff for co. Bucks. Ob. 18, bur. 19 July, 1658.(1)
  - Martha, bapt. 13 Nov. 1660.(1)
  - Mary, bapt. 27 Nov. 1663, ob. 1679.(2)
  - Sarah.
- 2. John, bapt. 26 Sep. 1633. Adm. to Gray's Inn 14 June, 1651. Ob. 1, bur. 6 July, 1684, æt. 52.(1) = Mary, 2nd d. of Fcis. Dashwood, Esq., merc. and Ald. of London.
  - George, bapt. 1665, bur. 30 June, 1668.(1)
  - Elizabeth, bap. 12 Apr. 1670, m. 31 July, 1690, Tho Lucas, Esq., of Ldn.(2)(3)
  - John, bapt. 9 Nov. 1671, bur. 8 Nov. 1742. (2)(1) = Anne, d. of . . . . bur. 16 July, 1727.(1)
    - John, bap. 28 Sept. 1693.(1)
    - Mary, bapt. 5 Aug. 1697.(1)
    - Thomas, bur. 29 May, 1697.(1)
    - Francis, bapt. 5 Mar. 1699, bur. 10 Apr. 1700.(1)
    - Robert, bapt. 9 Aug. 1702, of Balliol Coll. Oxon, B.A. 1722: All Souls' Coll. M.A. 1726.(1,6)
    - George, born *c.* 1702, of Balliol Coll. Oxon. B.A. 1722, M.A. 1725. Inst. to Rect. of Calverton, co. Bucks. 1 Nov. 1727, ob. 16 Ap. 1735, bur. at (1)(6)
- 3. George, bapt. 22 Jan. 1634, bur. 30 Oct. 1639.(1)
- Lettice, ux. John Terril, m. 4 Sept. 1655.(1)
- Elizth., born *c.* 1643, ux. Geo. Nodes, of the Innner Temple, gent., m. l. dat. 24 Aug. 1661. She ob. 7 Apr. 1697.(4)
- Martha, ob. 8 Dec. 1662, æt. 57.(3)
- Francis, bapt. 4 Feb. 1672 (2)
  - Thomas, bapt. 3 Nov. 1675, bur. 18 May, 1682, æt. 7.(2) (1)
- Robert,* bap. 16 Oct. 1678, m. Cath. d. of Tho & Cath. Cheyne, of Sundon.(3)
- Samuel, bapt. 4 May, 1680. ob. 26 May, bur. 2 June, 1766.(1)(5)
- Joseph, s. of Sr. Abr. Reynardson.
- Anne, m. 19 May, 1687.(3) = Letitia, ux. Ephraim Beauchamp of Elstree, co. Herts, Esq. He ob. 16 Sep. 1728, æt. 67; she ob. 16 Mar. 1739, æt. 71. Both bur. at Tottenham, co. Middx.(5)
  - Anne. (5)
  - Susanna (5)
  - Joseph Reynardson took the name of Coppin, ob. 1781.(5)
  - Samuel, ob. 12 Sept. 1691, æt. 2.—M.I.
  - Mary, bapt. 11 Feb. 1692. (3)
  - Allen, bur. 9 June, 1713.[3]

[1] P.R. Caddington. [2] P.R. Luton. [3] P.R. Pulloxhill. [4] Chester's "London Marriage Licenses." [5] Clutterbuck's "Herts."
[6] Foster's "Alumni Oxonienses." * Rect. of Barrowby, co. Linc. He ob. in the par. of St. Botth. [illegible]

BEDFORDSHIRE NON-PAROCHIAL REGISTERS.

THE annexed entries are found in 'Lists of Non-Parochial Registers and Records in the Custody of the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths, and Marriages.' Pursuant to the Acts of the 3rd and 4th Victoria, cap. 92, and 21st Victoria, cap. 25. London: Printed for Her Majesty's Stationery Office. 1859. (folio.)

Place.	Denomination and Date of Foundation.	Name of Minister prior to or at the period when the Registers were deposited with the Registration Commissioners.	Number of Register Books deposited, and description of entries therein.		What period extending over.
Ampthill.	Wesleyan, 1813.	..	One	Births and Baptisms.	1815–1837.
Bedford, Howard Chapel, Mill Street.	Independent, 1777	William Alliot.	One	Births and Baptisms.	1769–1837.
				Burials.	1790–1837.
Bedford, Old Meeting House, Mill Lane.	Independent, 1650	Samuel Hillyard.	One	Births.	1785–1836.
				Burials.	1785–1829.
Bedford, Mill Street.	Baptist, 1796.	Thomas King.	One	Births.	1792–1836.
Bedford, Harpur Street, Parish of Saint Paul.	Wesleyan, 1763.	..	One	Births and Baptisms.	1810–1837.
Bedford, St. Peter Street.	Moravian, 1742.	John Rogers.	One	Births and Baptisms.	1743–1837.
				Marriages.	1744–1835.
				Burials.	1746–1837.

Place.	Denomination and Date of Foundation.	Name of Minister prior to or at the period when the Registers were deposited with the Registration Commissioners.	Number of Register Books deposited, and description of entries therein.		What period extending over.
Bedford, Church of the United Brethren.	Moravian, 1747.	John England.	One	Baptisms. Burials.	1836–1857. 1840–1857.
Biggleswade.	Baptist, 1771.	Samuel Kent.	One	Births. Burials.	1762–1836. 1786–1829.
Biggleswade.	Wesleyan.	..	One	Burials.	1835–1836.
Blunham.	Baptist, 1724.	Joseph Hindes.	One	Births. Burials.	1709–1837. 1793–1828.
Cardington, Cotton End Chapel.	Independent and Baptist, 1777.	John Frost.	One	Births and Baptisms	1796–1837.
Cranfield.	Baptist, 1662. Dissolved and formed again in 1776.	Thomas Miller.	One	Births. Burials.	1824–1837. 1794–1837.
Dunstable. Houghton Regis. Formerly at Thorn.	Baptist, 1801. 1804. 1751.	Daniel Gould.	One	Births and Burials.	1772–1836.
Eaton Bray.	Wesleyan, 1801.	..	Three	Births and Baptisms. Births and Baptisms. Births and Baptisms.	1798–1809. 1808–1828. 1828–1837.
Harrold.	Independent, 1812	George Bull Phillipps.	One	Births and Baptisms.	1812–1836.

Hockliffe.	Independent, 1806	James Raban.	Two	Births and Baptisms.	1808–1833.
				Births and Baptisms.	1833–1836.
Luton.	Baptist, 1670.	Henry Burgess.	One	Births.	1785–1836.
				Burials.	1786–1837.
				Burials.	1837–1854.
Luton, Dunstable, and various.	Wesleyan, 1803.	..	One	Births and Baptisms.	1803–1837.
Mauldon.	Independent and Baptist, 1700.	Samuel Hobson.	One	Births.	1730–1835.
Newport Pagnell, and various.	Wesleyan, 1814.	..	One	Births and Baptisms.	1814–1837.
				Burials.	1835–1837.
Ridgemount.	Baptist, 1811.	Joseph Brooks.	One	Births.	1804–1836.
Roxton.	Independent, 1822	Henry Winzar.	One	Births and Baptisms.	1824–1836.
Shefford Hardwick.	Baptist, 1825.	Thomas H Applegate.	One	Births.	1832–1836.
Soulbury.	Wesleyan.	..	One	Births and Baptisms.	1816–1837.
Southill.	Baptist, 1693.	Thomas Tay.	One	Births.	1792–1837.
				Burials.	1802–1820.
Turvey.	Independent, 1829	Richard Cecil.	One	Baptisms.	1829–1836.
Westoning.	Baptist, 1816.	Edward Chew.	One	Births.	1798–1836.
Woburn, Chapel Street.	Independent, 1789	Michael Castleden.	One	Births, Baptisms, and Burials.	1791–1837.
Wootton.	Baptist, 1828.	William Earley.	One	Births.	1830–1837.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

Quarterly Meeting of Bedfordshire:

No. 1.	Burials	1776–1799.
2.	Marriages	1777–1786.
3.	Births	1776–1784.

Quarterly Meeting of Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire:

No. 4.	Burials	1776–1794.
5.	Ditto	1795–1837.
6.	Ditto	
7.	Marriages	1775–1794.
8.	Ditto	1795–1836.
9.	Births	1776–1794.
10.	Ditto	1793–1821.
11.	Ditto	1819–1837.

Monthly Meeting of Hitchin:

No. 31.	Ampthill.	Births	1643–1756.
		Deaths and Burials	1660–1756.
		Marriages	1658–1755.
32.	,,	Ditto	1758–1771.
		Births	1757–1775.
		Burials	1757–1775.
33.	,,	Births	1776–1797.
34.	Langford.	Births	1646–1732.
		Burials	1660–1745.
		Marriages	1706–1711.

QUARTERLY MEETING OF BEDFORDSHIRE AND HERTFORDSHIRE.

Monthly Meeting of Hertford:

No. 1503.	Marriage	1713.

Monthly Meeting of Hitchin:

1504.	Births	1665–1684.
	Marriages	1667–1677.
	Burials	1667–1682.
1505.	Births	1665–1731.
	Marriages	1684–1711.
	Burials	1656–1729.

ORIGINAL BIRTH AND BURIAL NOTES, AND ORIGINAL MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES AND COPIES.

No. 1446.	For Beds and Herts.	Marriages ..	1705–1824.
1447.	,, ,,	Births	1700–1794.
1448.	,, ,,	Burials	1703–1794.

DANIEL HIPWELL.

34, *Myddleton Square, Clerkenwell, London.*

ANCIENT CHARTERS, ETC.

(*Transcribed from the originals in the Editor's possession.*)

BEESTON, 1346.

Edwardus dei gratia Rex Anglie & ffrancie & Dominus Hibernie vicecomiti Bedfordie salutem. Precipimus tibi quod distringas Rogerum Puel per omnes terras & catalla sua in balliua tua per quod nec ipse nec aliquis per ipsum ad ea manum apponat donec aliud a nobis inde habueris preceptum Et quod de exitibus eorundem nobis respondeas Et quod habeas corpus eius coram Justiciariis nostris apud Westmonasterium a die Pasche in tres septimanas ad respondendum Johanne que fuit uxor Walteri de Huntyngfeld Chiualer de placito quod reddat ei rationabilem compotum suum de tempore quo fuit balliuus suus in Beeston' & receptos denarios ipsius Johanne ut dicit Et ad audiendum iudicium suum de pluribus defalcationibus Et habeas ibi hoc breve Teste J. de Stonore apud Westmonasterium xiij die ffebruarij anno regni nostri Anglie vicesimo regni vero nostri ffrancie septimo.

WHIPSNADE, 1501.

Sciant presentes & futuri quod Ego laurencius boner de Wypsnad Agnes uxor mea in comitatu Bedfordie dedi & concessi & hac presenti carta mea confirmauimus Ricardi (*sic*) Boner heredibus & assignatis suis unum tenementum cum certas terras (*sic*) pascuis & pasturis cum omnibus aliis suis pertinentiis in le Wypsnad Eyton Toturnall Kensworth & Stodham sicut dictum tenementum situatum in Wypsnad inter tenementum Willelmi Cantelowe Armigeri ex parte occidentali & clausuram Johannis Morell ex parte orientali & predictum tenementum $\frac{xv}{iiij}$ acris terre arabilis divisim jacent in campis Wypsnad Eyton Totturnhall Stodham & Kensworth predict' super diuersas culturas prout mete & bunde condonant (*sic*, ?continent) & testantur habendum et tenendum predictum tenementum cum omnibus suis pertinentiis prefato Ricardi (*sic*) Boner heredibus & assignatis ipsius inperpetuum de dominis feodorum illorum per seruicia inde debita & de iure consueta Et nos predictus laurencius & Agnes uxor mea & heredes nostri predictum tenementum

& xv iiij acras terre arabillis (*sic*) cum suis pertinentiis prefato Ricardi (*sic*) heredibus & assignatis ipsius contra omnes gentes Warantizabimus imperpetuum In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee sigilla mea apposuimus Hiis testibus Johanne Blount Thoma Harthong Smyth Thoma Yonge Jacobo Boteler Johanne Pybaker & multis aliis. Datum apud Wypsnad predictum die Dominica proxima ante festum Sancti Thomi (*sic*) Appostoli (*sic*) Anno regni Regis Henrici septimi post conquestum Anglie septodecimo (*sic*).

Bedford, 1506.

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus Smyth de Bedford dimisi feoffaui et hac presenti carta mea confirmaui Thome Knyght seniori et Thome Knyght Juniori totum illud tenementum meum anglarum vocatum le Sterre cum duobus messuagiis eidem tenementum adiacentibus in parochia Sancti Pauli Bedfordie inter Regiam viam vocatam Shepischeryng ex parte occidentali et messuagium prioris et Conuentus de Newenham & gardinum Johannis Poole ex parte orientali et abuttat ad capput boriale super regiam viam et ad aliud caput super tenementum dicti Johannis Poole acceciam dimisi feoffaui et hac presenti [carta] mea confirmaui prefatis Thome Knyght seniori et Thome Knyght juniori totum illud messuagium meum iacens in dicta parochia Sancti Pauli iuxta dictum tenementum vocatum le Sterre infra dictum messuagium dictorum prioris et Conuentus de Newenham intermediatum et iacens inter dictum messuagium dictorum prioris et Conuentus ex parte occidentale et tenementum magistri hospitalis Sancti Johannis Baptiste Bedfordie ex parte orientali et extendens a regia via predicta usque ad tenementum dicti Johannis Poole et dictum messuagium vocatum le Berneplace que quidem tenementum cum tribus messuagiis predictis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis nuper habui coniunctim cum Ricardo Port et Willielmo Balle iam defunctis ex dimissione & feoffamento Philippi Payne et Johannis Cooles ut in quadam carta inde confecta cuius datum est tercio die Septembris Anno regni Regis henrici septimi octauo plenius liquet habendum et tenendum totum predictum tenementum cum tribus messuagiis predictis cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefatis Thome Knyght seniori et Thome juniori heredibus

et assignatis suis de Capitalibus dominis feodi illius per seruicia inde debita et de iure consueta imperpetuum In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti carte mee Sigillum meum apposui hijs testibus Roberto Cokko tunc maiore ville Bedfordie Willelmo payne & henrico walker tunc balliuis eiusdem ville Ricardo Risele Willelmo Harper et multis alijs. Datum apud Bedfordiam predictam vicessimo secundo die marcij Anno regni Regis Henrici Septimi vicessimo secundo. (Seal, A crescent surmounted by a mullet of six points.)

ARLESEY, 1509.

Sciant presentes & futuri quod ego Willelmus Abbott de Woburne Chapell in Comitatu Bedfordie Dedi Concessi & hac presenti Carta mea Confirmaui Willelmo Loryng de Arlechehey in eodem Comitatu Nicholao Wylbon de eadem & Michaeli Collop de eadem unum Clausum vocatum le Rosewyke jacentem in Campis de Arlechehey predicto Quemquidem Clausum nuper habui ex dono & feoffamento Henrici Abbott de Husburne Crawley in Comitatu predicto adhuc superstitis Habendum & tenendum predictum Clausum cum omnibus suis pertinentiis prefatis Willelmo Nicholao & Michaeli heredibus & assignatis suis ad vsum predicti Willelmi Loryng heredum & assignatorum suorum imperpetuum De Capitali domino feodi illius per servicia inde debita & de iure Consueta. Et ego vero predictus Willelmus Abbott & heredes mei predictum Clausum cum omnibus suis pertinentiis prefatis Willelmo Nicholao & Michaeli heredibus & Assignatis suis ad vsum predictum Contra omnes gentes Warantizabimus & imperpetuum defendemus per presentes. In Cuius rei testimonium huic presenti Carte mee Sigillum meum Apposui hijs testibus Johanne Clyfton de Arlechehey predicto Johanne Smyth de eadem taylor Willelmo Baldocke de eadem & alijs. Datum apud Arlechehey predictum decimo die mensis Octobris Anno regni Regis Henrici octaui post Conquestum Anglie primo.

Gleanings from Parish Registers.

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DUNSTABLE.

1599	Mar.	26	**Barnes**, Margaret, bur.
1621	May	22	**Norton**, Alice, wife of John, bur.
1623	Dec.	1	,, John, bur.
1625	Oct.	5	**Spenser**, William, s. of Thos., of Bedford, bur. pl.
1632	Sep.	29	**Carte**, Elizabeth, d. of John, bapt.
1633	Feb.	12	**Symmes**, Rebeccah, d. of Zechariah, bapt.
1634	May	6	**Crawley—Winch**, John, and Elizabeth, mar.
1636	Apr.	7	**Ironmonger**, Jane, d. of William, bapt.
1638	July	18	**Dell—Hale**, John & Susan, m.
,,	May	12	**Belgraue**, Edward, bur.
,,	July	26	**Marshe**, Daniel, s. of Will., bur.
,,	Oct.	23	**Mountague**, Henry, bur.
1639	Oct.	13	**Cart**, Amey, d. of John & Amey, bapt.
1641	May	7	**Iermonger**, Ann, d. of William, bapt.
,,	May	20	**Chew**, Eliz., d. of Thomas, bapt.
1642	Dec.	18	,, Tho., s. of Thomas, bapt.
1643	Nov.	14	**Iermonger**, Marey, d. of Wm., bapt.
,,	July	25	**Plant**, John, ye Earle of Essex seruant, bur.
			(1647–56 irregularly entered.)
1655	Feb.	21	**Cart—Waine**, William, widower, & Alice, wid., mar.
1653	,,	3	**Marsh**, John, s. of Francis & Rebecca, born.
1656	May	23	**Marshe**, Jane, d. of Francis & Rebecca, born.
1658	Aug.	28	**Bringhurst**, Mary, d. of Isaac & Susanna, born.
1659	Dec.	16	,, John, s. of Isaac & Susanna, born.
1647	Feb.	9	**Settle**, Elkanah, s. of Josias & Sarah, bapt., born Feb. 1.
1649	Dec.	31	,, Sarah, d. of Josias & Sarah, bapt., born Oct. 23.
1652	June	4	,, Josias, s. of Josias & Sarah, bapt., born April 26.
1654	July	14	,, John, s. of Josias & Sarah, bapt., born July 7.
1657	Nov.	29	,, Jeremiah, s. of Josias, bapt.
1664	Dec.	15	**Marsh**, Francis, s. of Francis, bapt.
,,	Jan.	2	**Settle**, Josias, s. of Josias, bapt.
1665	Oct.	7	**Lyster**, Thomas, s. of Bisshop, bapt.

1667	May	2	**Wimpew**, Samuel, s. of Nathaniel, bapt.
,,	Oct.	15	**Marshe**, Francis, bur.
,,	Nov.	26	**Chew**, John, bur.
1671	Oct.	29	**Powell—Marshe**, Thomas, of St. Bartholomew's London, Citizen, & Mrs. Elizabeth, of this par., mar., by James Paddon, Vicar of Houghton, by the consent of Bishop Lyster Rector of Dunstable, then sicke at Kensworth.
,,	Jan.	28	**Crawley**, Martha, d. of Robert, bapt.
1672	May	2	**Crawley**, Katherine, d. of Robert, bapt.
1675	Dec.	3	,, Rob., s. of Rob. & Jone, bapt.
1676	Sep.	20	**Wimpew**, Nathaniel, s. of Nathaniel, bapt.
1677	Nov.	15	**Pomfret**, Elizabeth, d. of John, bapt.
1680	Sep.	7	**Knap—Skinner**, John, Cityzen of London, and Katherine, of the p'ish of Weston, co. Northants, mar.
1682	Dec.	5	**Hogan—Stevens**, Nathaniel, & Mary, mar.
1683	June	14	**Foster—Rowland**, John, of London, & Judeth, mar.
1681	Feb.	18	**Bedford**, Ann, d. of Wm. & Ann, bapt.
1682	April	29	**Pomfret**, John, s. of John & Elizabeth, bapt.
,,	July	8	**Nickhill**, Richard, s. of Rich. & Eliz., of Eckleston, co. Lanc., bapt.
,,	Mar.	9	**Bedford**, Elizabeth, d. of Wm. & Ann, bapt.
1684	Dec.	7	**Mason**, John, s. of Nathaniel & Rebecca, bapt.
1685	April	21	**Pomfret**, John, s. of John & Elizabeth, bapt.
,,	Oct.	9	**Cecil**, William, s. of Edward & Martha, bapt.
,,	Mar.	3	**Mason**, Mary, d. of Nathaniel & Rebecca, bapt.
1690	July	4	**Cecil**, Hester, d. of Edward & Martha, bapt.
,,	Jan.	11	**Sanderson**, Sarah, d. of James & Martha, bapt.
1691	April	12	**Mason**, Hannah, d. of Nathaniel & Rebecca, bapt.
1690	May	27	**Downes—Briggs**, John, citizen of London, & Elizabeth, mar.
1691	May	22	**Fownes—Fownes**, Joseph, of Deptford, co. Kent, & Elizabeth, of Cotton in Shropshire, wid., mar. in Dunstaple church, by Gilbert Crokatt, curat of St. George's, Butolph lane, London.
1693	Aug.	6	**Sanderson**, Matthew, s. of James & Martha, bapt.
1694	,,	28	,, Anna, d. of James & Martha, bapt.
1698	Oct.	2	,, Eliz., d. of James & Martha, bapt.
,,	July	2	**Chew**, Tho., of London, bur.
1699	April	25	**Skittlethorp**, Eliz., d. of Edward & Eliz., bapt.
,,	Mar.	3	**Sanderson**, Mary, d. of James & Martha.
1700	May	8	**Marsh**, John, gent., bur.
,,	July	1	,, John, senr., gent., bur.

EVERSHOLT.

Baptisms—commence 1628.

1642	July	16	**Reddell**, Marie, d. of Raffe & Alice.
,,	Jan.	8	,, John, s. of John & Ann.
1644	Nov.	2	,, Ambrose, s. of Raffe & Alice.
1647	Feb.	17	,, Alice, d. of Raffe & Alice.
1648	Nov.	20	**Bray**, Elizabeth, d. of Mr. Robert & Mary.

(*Desunt* 1649–53.)

1659	Mar.	24	**Redell**, Mary, d. of Master Ambrose & Rebeka.
1661	Jan.	26	,, Ambros, s. of Master Ambros and Rebeka.
1663	Dec.	6	,, Richard, s. of Ambrose & Mary.
1665	May	21	,, Thomas, s. of Ambrose & Rebecca.
1666	Sep.	1	**Parker**, William, s. of William & Eliza.
1667	Aug.	17	**Reddall**, Lidia, d. of Ambrose & Rebecca.
1670	[	]	**Parker**, Ann, d. of William & Elizabeth.
1672	May	21	,, John, s. of ,, ,,
1674	June	10	,, Elizabeth. d. of ,,
,,	Oct.	11	**Reddall**, Elizabeth, d. of Richard & Eliz., being 1 yeare & a quart^r^ old.
,,	,,	11	,, Richard, s. of Richard & Elizabeth.
,,	Jan.	26	,, Agnes, d. of Ambros & ffrances.
1675	Feb.	28	,, Joh, s. of Ambros & ffrances.
1676	Oct.	14	,, Thomas, s. of Richard & Elizabeth.

Burials—commence 1631.

1634	[	]	**Reddle**, Doryty, d. of Raph.
1636	Aug.	21	**Sketelthrop**, Willia', s. of William.
,,	,,	15	**Reddel**, Mary, d. of Raffe.
1641	Nov.	6	**Style**, Priscilla.
1647	July	18	**Duncombe**, Mary, d. of Mr. Giles.
1650	June	5	**Dutton**, Thos., Rector.

(*Desunt* 1650–1652.)

1654	May	2	**Hinghton**, George, gent.
,,	Aug.	11	**Reddell**, Mary, d. of Ralfe & Elizabeth.
1658	Sep.	18	,, John, s. of Ralfe.
1659	[	]	,, An, wife of John.
1668	July	13	,, Judeth, wife of Thomas.
,,	Oct.	9	,, Thomas.
1670	Dec.	27	,, Ralfe.

Marriages—commence 1630.

1630	Apr.	8	**Powell—Skittlethorpe**, Phillip & Alice.
1648	Feb.	15	**Presson—Pyggot**, Raffe & Joan.

(*Desunt* 1649–1652.)

1682 July 25 **Taylor—Collop**, Humfrey, gent., & Sarah.
1684 Feb. 5 **Maridale—Buckingham**, William, gent., of this par., & Katharine, of Flitwick.

June 16th 1721.

"Then Receiued of the Reverend Mr. Wm. Hyde Rectr of this Parish of Eversholt as followeth, viz.:

	li.	s.	d.
Twenty fiue Guinnys of King James the Second Coin	26	5	0
Three half Guinnys of ye sd Coin	1	11	6
Three Jacobus's	3	9	0
One Jacobus a Scepter Peece	1	5	0
Three Carolus's	3	9	0
Three Portugal Peeces	4	1	0

All which, Amount to forty pounds and six pence, in full for Wainscoting Paving & Railing the Chancell of the said Parish of Eversholt, I say Received upon the Communion Table in ye said Chancell in full of all accounts by mee.

W. Carter."

"June 22nd 1721 What the Knaves have Cut out from this Leafe is unknown to

Wm Hyde Rectr."

"The following years till one thousand seven hundred and nine I was in trouble and maliciously persecuted by most wicked and unreasonable men who took away all my household goods wch were considerably valuable seizd upon my Benefice and made me pay the land tax viz. twenty pounds p annum & to the poor & all other payments while they took all the profits and all this for neither debt nor any reall dammage but to gratifie the malice of a Dutch Diocesan a Pharisee of the New reformation & an Irish Evidence such a President as can never be found but in hell or in Eversall So that as to Christ'nings the following years were tempus obscurum to the Incumbent.

Witness my hand Wm Hyde Rectr

And Therefore whatever Christnings or Marriages may be entered or written in this Book or any other Register belonging to this Parish dureing the time whether two years or more the Interlopers ursurped this parish from me I pronounce them suspitious & uncertain.

Wm Hyde."

HOLWELL.

1626 Sep. 6 **Woode—Cokkine**, John, of Holwell, and Rosse of Charrington [Cardington], mar.

1636 Jan. 16 **Henley**, John, parson of Holwell, bur.

"The reall & peacable possession of the church of Hollwell was giuen by me Charles Lawrence Rector eccl: de Stondon to Goddard Scourfield vppon the foure & twentieth day of Januarie An° Dni 1636 in the p'sence of those whose names are here vnder written:

Charles Laurence. Thomas Wealle.
Tho: Rotherham. Richard Street."

"Memorandū y^t I Goddard Scourfield read the Booke of Articles agreed on in ye Convocation holden at London in ye yeere of our lord god 1562: in my parish church of Holwell the 29th of January Anno dō 1636."

1637 Feb. 22 **Scourfield**, John, s. of Goddard & Frances, bapt. Bur. 26 Feb.

1642 Nov. 22 ,, Frances, d. of Goddard & Frances, bapt.

1645 Mar. 5 ,, William, s. of Goddard & Frances, bapt. Bur. 28 Apr. 1647.

1647 May 13 **Coningham**, Robert, s. of Vivian, gent., and Mary, bapt.

1648 ,, 8 **Scourfield**, Susanna, d. of Goddard & Frances, bapt. Bur. 18 June.

1649 June 28 **Cuningham**, James, s. of Vivian, gent., and Mary, bapt.

1650 Apr. 11 **Ansell—Winch**, Charles & Elizabeth, mar.

1651 May 12 **Cunningham**, Frances, d. of Vivian, gent., and Mary, bapt.

1658 May 20 **Dequester—Hanscomb**, Matthew, gent., and Mary, wid., mar.

,, Nov. 13 **Clinton**, widdow, of Hollwell berry, bur.

1659 Oct. 20 **Dequester**, Elizabeth, d. of Matthew & Mary, bapt.

1660 Apr. 30 **Alsop—Lilley**, George, citizen, & Mary, mar.

,, May 16 **Radyard—Scourfield**, John & Mary, mar.

,, Oct. 23 **Scourfield**, Frances, wife of Goddard, bur.

1661 May 16 **Halsey—Briggs**, William, of Luton, gent., and Sarah, of ye same, mar.

,, July 20 **Readyard**, John, s. of John, bapt.

,, Aug. 15 **Dequester**, Jacob, s. of Matthew & Mary, bapt.

,, Feb. 4 **Stone—Loe**, Richard, gentleman, & Dorothie, mar.

1667 Apr. 20 **Readyard**, Thomas, s. of John, bapt.

1668 Sep. 8 **Conquest**, Frances, d. of William, bur.

(*Desunt* 1671–1673.)

1676	Jan.	3	**Crawley—Hanscombe**, John & Lydia, mar.
1677	Sep.	20	**Readyard**, Mary, wife of John, bur.
1690	Apr.	9	**Brocket**, Robert, bur.
1695	Mar.	20	**Anscell**, Edward, s. of Nicholas, gent., & Ann, bapt.
1721	Jan.	21	**Edwards**, Sarah, d. of Edw. [Rector], bapt. Bur. 29 Jan.
1723	Mar.	25	,, Edward, s. of Edward, bapt.
1724	Mar.	29	**Fitzjohn**, Mary, d. of Mr., of Baldock, bur.
1733	June	28	**Ault—Denton**, George, clk., & Rosamond, mar.

N.B.—This vol. ends at the year 1765, from which date to 1811 the registers are missing.

Some Bedfordshire Wills.

Abstracted from the Original Wills, and certified copies, at the District Court of Probate, Northampton.

(Continued from p. 188.)

Thomas Nelf, of Yielden, 16 Sept. 1532. To be bur. in the church of Yielden in St. Katherine's Chapel. To my wife all my lands in Nether Deene and over Deene, in newenton brownswolde, for life, remainder to son Thomas and his heirs, in default to son Richard & his heirs, to whom he also gives all his lands & tents. in Buckinghamshire and in the town of Yelden, also the castell close in Yelden. Mentions Jane, d. of his s. Richard. To v priests for v masses xx^{d}. To my priest for iiij masses xxj^{d}. Makes Emeling his wife & Richard his s. exors. Sir John St. John, Master Ric. Throgmorton, sqwere, Master William Lee, squere, to be overseers. Witnesses, Gabriel Penington, gent., Sir Rich. Impey, Thomas Butler, John Bromfielde, &c. Pr. 4 Dec. 1532.

William Norton, 26 Oct. 1538. To be bur. in ch'yard of Streatley. Elizabeth my wife, my 2 daurs. Elizabeth his wife to be extrix. Witness, Sir John Cawte, vicar of Streatley. Pr. 23 Nov. 1538.

ROBERT NORTON, of Sharpenhoe, yeoman, 28 Dec 1558. To be. bur. in Streatley ch'yard. Mentions brother Thomas Norton, s. Thos. To d. Alice 20*s*. Cousin Thomas Norton, s. & h. of his brother Thomas, ½ an acre of land holden of the manor of Sharpenhome. Brother Edward, sister Alice, cousen Jane, d. of brother Richard. To his 5 godchildren, viz. Barnabas, s. of his bro. Thos., Isaak, s. of his bro. John, Thos., s. of brother Richard, &c., to each one bullock. Mentions Mark, s. of brother Mark. Appoints brothers Richard and William exors. Pr. at Woburn 23 Oct. 1559.

AGNES NORTON, of Streatley, widow, 15 Jan. 1583. To be bur. in the ch'yard of Streatley. To s. William £5, &c., to s. John £6, to s. Thomas £5, to d. Agnes £5, to d. Jane £5, & to youngest d. Margaret £5, &c. To my husband's s. Isaack Norton a flitch of bacon & to each of his 2 children 5*s*. apiece. Makes s. William exor., neighbour William Moreton to be supervisor. Proved 10 Feb. 1583.

WILLIAM NICHOLLS, of Stagsden, gent., 12 Jan. 1669. To eld. da. Elizabeth Faldoe £200 & 2 pieces of old gold. To youngest d. Katherine N. £500, i e. of Sir Anthony Chesher, of Chichely, co. Bucks, £200 due me by security of a judgment, & of Mr. Richard Worrall, of Newport Pagnell, sd. co. £100 due me upon bond, & of John Chibnall of Sherington in sd. co. £50, due upon bond, & of him more £50 & of Hugh Smyth, of Sherington, afsd. upon bond £50, & of Mr. Marston, of Harrold, £50. To sd. da. Katherine all my silver plate &c., & a piece of gold. To brother Richard N. £5, & to the poor of Stagsden 20*s*. Appoints s. Faldoe, & da. Elizabeth, joint exors. Cozen Roger Chapman to be trustee. Pr. 13 June 1670. Admin. gtd. to William Faldo & Cath. N.

JUDITH OWEN, of Oakley, wid., 18 Nov. 1663. To be bur. on the ancient place of burial where my ancestors formerly hath been bur. in the par. ch. of Pertenhall. To sister Martha, wife of Robert Faldo, £10; to Francis Grey, of Wellingborowe, gent., £20; to my nephews John Symon, and Walter Grey, £10 ea.; to niece Herne, of Godmanchester, co. Hunts, £10; to nephew Symon Grey, of Pertenhall, £20; to niece Grey, of Pertenhall, wife of Symon, 4 rings and £3; to nephew Robert Marriett, £20; to goddaur. Eliz'th, da. of W'm. Marriett, £10; to cosen Faldo, wife of Osbert Faldo, 40*s*.; to goddaur. Judith Macham, £4; to Frances Bell, 2 silver spoons. To the poor of Ashton, of Pertenhall, and of Oakley 20*s*., ea. & to brother-in-law

Robert Faldo, 20*s.* to buy a ring. Makes Margaret Marriett sole extrix. Pr. 31 Aug. 1664.

JOHN POOLEY, of Biddenham, Dom. in Albis, 1506. To Dame Agnes FitzGeferey, 4*s.* 4*d.*; Katherine Fitzhugh, 20*d.*; William Erneys & Joahne his wife, my da., 5*s.* 4*d.* Mentions s. John Pooley; John, my other s. Appoints wife Johan, s. John, and Wm. Erneys exors. Witnesses Mr. Robert Holitrcholme, Rector of Biddenham, &c. Pr. 2 May, 1506.

JOHANNA POOLEY, of Biddenham, vid., 29 Dec. 1509. To be bur. in ch'yard of St. James, Biddenham. To s. John Pooley certain bequests; to wife of sd. John one black girdle. Mentions John Erneys; Thomas Pooley; Margaret Pooley of Chicksands; John Pooley, sen., son of John, my s.; Robert Pooley, John junior, s. of John, my s. Residue to s. John. Pr. 12 Jan. 1509.

ROBERT PARADINE, of Bedford, 2 May, 1600. To wife Mary his dwelling-house, &c., after her decease to eld. s. Thomas P.; to s. Robert, £50; to all his other children, Edward, William, Mary, George, Elizabeth, John, Sarah & Dorothy Paradine, to each £50. Son Thos. to be sole exor. Overseers, William Newton, Humphrey Newton, & William Johnson. Pr. 4 Oct. 1610.

MARY PARADINE, of Bedford, widow, 1 Nov. 1613. To my 10 children £20 apiece. Son Thomas to be sole exor. Mentions bros.-in-law Mr. William Newton, Mr. Humphrey Newton, Mr. William Johnsonne, "supervisors of my late husband's will." Pr. 2 Apr. 1614.

OLIVER PEACOCK, of Keyshoe, husbandman, 26 Apr. 1615. To Wife Grace two chests; to s. Nicholas & d. Eliz'th P. £40 apiece; to Robert, Isabel, Elizabeth & Margaret, 4 children of my da. Margaret Diccons, 10*s.* in money each. Mentions s. Henry, Brother Henry Peacock. To Servant Edward Peacock, 20*s.* Residue to wife Grace, and s. Henry, whom he appoints exors. Bro. Henry P., Mr. Oliver St. John & Michael Bayes to be overseers. Pr. 7 Oct. 1615.

DOROTHY PARADINE, late wife of Will'm P., gent., of Bedford, nunc. will, 16 Jan. 1615. To grandchild Thomas P. & his children, & to his bros. & sisters, all her goods & chattels to be divided equally. Appoints said Thomas sole exor. Pr. 5 May, 1616.

THOMAS PARRATT of the Vyne, Luton, gent., 20 Sept. 1620. To be bur. in Luton ch. near to where father lies

bur. To repairs of Luton ch. £5, poor of Luton £5 and to Mr. Bird, vicar, 13*s.* 4*d.* to preach at my burial. To wife Elizabeth £100 & all his household stuff; to brother John Parratt all horses, carts, ploughs, &c., and to 3 sisters, Elizabeth Pruddon, Judith Prior, Audriell Sybley, £10 apiece. To the 4 children of Eliz. Pruddon and to the 2 children of Audriell Sybley £20 apiece. To uncle Robert Parratt, gent., £20 & to his s. Thomas my godson £10. To all the other children of my uncle Robert 40*s.* apiece; to s.-in-law John Carter £10; to godson William Pilgrim 40*s.*; to poor of Shillington, & of Lilley co. Herts, 40*s.* ea.; bro.-in-law Edward Sybley to be sole exor. Witnesses John Beecher, Thomas Winch, John Atwood. Pr. 7 Nov. 1620. Edw. Sybley renounced & admon. granted to John Parratt, brother of testator.

William Payne, of Podington, gent., 6 Apr. 1624. To be bur. in the chancel of Podington. Niece Sybel Yelverton my next heire & sole d. of Francis Payne gent. my brother, all farms & tenements &c. in Podington, also lands in Irthlingboro, now in the tenure of William Duncombe gent., also lands in Eynesbury, co. Hunts, at Higham Ferrers, a tenement at Uppingham, lands at Beoly, co. Worc. & lands at Wootton Warren, co. Warw. To wife Sibell the Rectory & parsonage of Podington for life; to Walter s. of Walter Child of Bristol decd. £100; to sister Child a mourning gown & £20; to Richard Child a mourning ring; to godson Thomas Fitzieoffrey 40*s.*; to William s. of Paul Cobbe a mourning cloak; to sister Cobbe a gold ring; to nephew Whittaker & his wife, and to nephew Oliver Cobb, 20*s.* each; cousin Richard Payne; to godson Oliver St. John 40*s.*, and to his father 20*s.*; and to cousins Arthur & Roger Goodday, Nicholas Knight, nephew William Bletsoe a ring of gold value 20*s.* each. Residue to wife Sibell & Richd. Child; Richd. Child to be exor. Pr. 20 Apr. 1624.

Robert Pairatt, of Mepersall, gent., 21 Jan. 1637. To be bur. by father in Shillington church. To eld. s. Francis a great long table. To daurs. Mary Lawrence, Douglas, Dinah Sidebothan, Ellen, & Elizabeth Luke, 12*d.* apiece. To grandchild Dorothy Taylor 2*s.* 6*d.* Residue to wife Eliz'th., sole extrix. Pr. 20 Feb. 1637.

Oliver Peck, of Harrowden, in Cardington, gent., 13 Nov. 1647. To wife Elizabeth all his goods and household stuff, &c. To s. Oliver all the lands purchased by my

Father John P. in Cardington. To s. Thomas a messuage in Harrowden, also lands in Staploe. To s. John 7 acres of arr. land in Cople, &c. To d. Judith Maryott £60; sons-in-law William Whitbread, & Thomas Maryott, 10*s.* apiece. To bro.-in-law, Mr. John Clarke, 40*s.* Son John P. to be sole exor. & res. leg. Pr. 2 Apr. 1651.

WILLIAM PALEY, of Bedford, gent., 25 Aug. 1652. To be bur. in St. Mary's Ch. To s. Thomas P. a house in Bedford; mentions s.-in-l. John Beaumont & Kath. (my da.) his wife. To d. Mary wife of Edw. Symes 20*s.*, & to d. Margaret, £20. Residue to wife Katherine, sole extrix. Pr. 4 Oct. 1652.

SARAH PARADINE, of Bedford, spr., 23 Aug. 1658. To Uncle John P. £20; to his s. my cousin Robert P. £300; to his s. William £50; & to Mary his da. £100. To cousin John Hadley, s. of my uncle John H., & to the children of my uncle Robert Hadley £50 to be equally divided among them. To children of my cousin Thomas P. son of my uncle Thomas P. £60 ea. To cousin Anne, wife of William Geary, £6; & to Marie, niece of my nurse, Goodwife Field, of Goldington, £10. To the overseers of the poor of S. Paul's par. £50 to remain in their hands & their successors for ever. To cousins Robert P., John Crawley, alderman, of Bedford, and their heirs, all my lands and tenements in Bedford on Trust to pay the above legacies. Mentions wife of cousin Crawley, d. of William Goodwyn. Cousin Robert P. & his bro. William P. to be exors. and res. legs. To be bur. in S. Paul's Ch. near graves of my father & mother. Pr. 23 Oct. 1660.

HUGH PRITCHARD, of Melchbourne, gent., 2 Sep. 1657. To aunt Morrice, at Crisselton, co. Chester, £5; to John William, of Higham, £2 & my old sute and coate; to the wife of William Pritchard, of Northampton, and his da. £5 between them. To the wife of William Boomer & to — Kelly, of London, £2 each. To the wife of William Ibbut, the da. of Gregory Woodfall, & the da. of John Gudgen's, 10*s.* apiece. To the son of Gregory Woodfall, my godson, 40*s.* The sum of £5 to be laid out in gloves and Ribben, to be distributed at discretion of my exors. To the poor of Melchborne, Yeelding, Bletsoe, and Riseley 30*s.* each. Residue to friend John Carter, of Melchborne, & William Pritchard, of Northampton, whom I appoint sole exors. Pr. 1 June, 1669.

OLIVER PECK, of Cardington, gent., nunc. will, ob. *c*

10 May, 1676. About 3 or 4 days before his death did declare unto Mr. John Pecke, his brother, as follows: He did give to John, Henry, & Judith, the children of the said Mr. John P., £25 in equall shares; & to Thomas & Elizabeth, the children of his brother Mr. Thos. P., £11 in equal shares; & to Alice Bromsall a silver spoon; & to Mrs. Dorothy Peck, the wife of the said Mr. John, his gold ring & a 22*s*. piece of gold; & unto his bro., Mr. Thos. P., a 10*s*. piece of gold; & to his niece Mrs. Eliz'th Whitbread, do.; & to his brother, Mr. John P., his watch. Pr. 15 Aug. 1676. Admon. gtd. to eld. bro. John.

JOHN PIGGOTT, of Sampsill, in Westoning, yeoman, 7 Nov. 1676. To daus. Mary, Jane, & Eliz'th, £50 a piece; to s. John £5; to da. Ann (wife of Samuel Tidd), £20. Residue to wife Ann, sole extrix. Pr. 1 May, 1679.

THOMAS PIGGOTT, of Westoninge, 28 Feb. 1678. To eld. s. Thos. my sealed gold ring, & my silver tobacco box, also to him & his heirs my freehold house & lands in W.; in default of heirs to s. W. P., to whom he bequeaths a close of pasture called Barnefields, in Harlington, after the decease of his wife Jane. To da. Ann Pepiat, £50; to s.-in-l. Thos. Beetch, £5; to Thomas Beetch, my grandchild, £15, and to William B., my grandchild, £5. To da. Jane Sanders, £50, & £50 to her 5 children in equal portions, & to da. Mary Beamond £50. To. s. Alexr. P. £30 if he returns from sea & demands it. To Jane d. of said Alex. P. £20; to Wm. Cockin, 40*s*.; to wife Jane all my household stuff; to Thomas and Ann, 2 of the children of my bro. Chr. P., 40*s*. ea.; to goddaur. Mary Lenthrupp, 5*s*. Makes wife Jane & s. William exors. Pr. 3 Dec. 1679.

JOHN POULTON, of Hockliffe, gent., 18 Feb. 1689. To be buried in H. ch. To wife Ann all my estate in Hockliffe during widowhood, reversion to s. Edward. To s. Nathaniel P. 1½ acr. arr. land. in Winfield & £50. Wife Ann to be sole extrix. & res. leg. Pr. 28 Apr. 1690.

URSULA RAINOLS, of Bedford, wid. To be bur. in chancel of S. Paul's Bedf. near my first husband, Mr. John Stanton. Imprimis to Mrs. Crowley my wedding ring, to Sibell Jeyes other rings, to the wife of Mr. William Fitzhugh my best petticote. Item to Goodwife Jeyes the best of my Carsie gownes and my cloake. Item I give to Goodwife Mercer my greene penistone petticote. Item

I give vnto widdow Bennit of St. Peter's, my red shag petticote and my stock of Bees. Item I give to Alse Austin my worst petticote. Item I give to Goodwife Bardoll my old red wascote. Item I give to Elsabeth Jeyes my wrought wascote. Item I give unto Mr. Theodore Crowley, Viccar of the Church of St. Paul's, Bedford, all the rest of goods vnbequeathed and make him full executor of this my last will and testament. In witnesse whereof I have here vnto sett my hand and seale this 19th day of March, 1631. Pr. 7 Jan. 1632.

JOHN RISELY, of Bedford, gent. 10 Apr. 1670. To John, s. of my s. Robert, £600, to cozen Robert R. his 4 children, Robert, John, William and Mary the wife of —— * Carter, £20 ea., to cozen Elizabeth Skelton, d. of my brother James, £3, to cozen Mary Fenne, d. of my brother James R. afsd. 40*s.*, to cozen Abraham Freeman —— £——, to —— Petty, 40*s.* To my friends Francis Beckett, Thomas Alderman and Thomas Harding, £5 ea., makes them overseers. Cod. dated 24 Apr. 1670, sundry legacies to servants, to poor of Bedford £7, to Mr. Bradshaw, minister of God's Word 40*s.*, and 20*s.* more to preach my funeral sermon. Pr. 15 Apr. 1670.

RALPH REDDALL of [Eversholt †] To da. Alice R. — hundred pounds, s. Ambrose R., to poor of Eversholt 40*s.* Residue to s. Ambrose. Pr. . . . . 1670.‡

FRANCIS REEVE, of Biddenham, gent. 29 June, 1689. To every one of my sister Clarke's children £10, to Elizabeth Hammond of Bedford, spr. d. of Rich. H., £50, to nephew Edward Todd of Willington, £10, to niece Elizabeth Bays of Sharnbrook £10, to Robert Pope, of London, silk stocking weaver, s. of Alice Pope, £50, to Wm. Boteler, Esq. and Eliz'th his wife, and Hellen their da., to Wm. Farrer, of B., Esq. and to Mr. Joseph Hanmer, minister of Biddenham, a ring of the value of 20*s.* each. To the churchwardens of B. £10 to buy a piece of church plate to be used at the time of the Administration of the blessed Sacrament. To Wm. Woodmansey, of Stagsden, 30*s.*, to every one of the servants being with my master, Wm. Boteler, Esq., 10*s.* ea. Residue to Wm. Farrer, Esq., s. and h. app. of Thomas F. Esq., of Ailesbury, co. Bucks, sole exor. Pr. 1 Aug. 1689.

* Will torn at margin.
† Will damaged.
‡ [He was bur. at Eversholt, 27 Dec. 1670.]

RANDS, THOMAS, of Radwell, in par. Felmersham, 27 Jan. 1545. To be bur. in parish church of Felmersham, before the chancell, near the monument of my wife. To s. John & his heirs male, my manor of Radwell. To daurs. Alice, Margery, and to John —effern and Eliz'th his wife, my da. £5 each. Residue to John s. & heir, sole exor., George Danyel, Esq., to be overseer. Proved 8 Jan. 1546.

JANE ROTHERAM, of Harlington, widow, 31 Oct. 1546. To be bur. in Harlington church. To Mistress Elizabeth Cheyney a pair of fine sheets, my da. Astrye one fine sheet, my da. Wingate a ring, &c., my da. Payre 2 gowns. To Ralph Astrye, my son, a coffer standing at Hitchin, and all my chattels at my brother Robert Pigott's. To cousin Thos. Pigott £6, to the youngest d. of my brother Rbt. Pigott £6 13*s.* 4*d.*, to Master Wingate of Harlington 3*s* 4*d.*, and to my da. Wyngate's son George Wingate 26*s.* 8*d.* Makes Ralph Astric, son, sole exor., Edmund Wyngate supervisor. Witnesses Margaret Wyngate, Alice Astrye, Edmund Wyngate, Elizabeth Wyngate, &c. Pr. 22 Dec. 1546.

GEORGE ROTHERAM, of Luton, gent., the elder, 25 May, 1579. To be bur. in Luton church near where my wife was bur. To s. John my house at Thralles end, and to s. William my best gowne. Residue to wife Agnes, sole extrix. George Rotheram, of Farley, & William Horne, clerk, to be overseers. Proved 10 July, 1579.

Monumental Inscriptions.

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DEAN.

"THOMAS BOUNDY Wigornensis | Eccl: de Shelton | annos circiter xxxiii Rector | obijt Aug. 23, 1691 | Hoc paternæ pietatis memor | primogenitus PETRUS, hujus eccl' pastor posuit | qui obijt 30° Maii 1730 | Qualis erant die postrema indicabit."

"B.M.S. | RICHARDI et ANNAE HOOD conjugum | Alterius honesta familia oriundi in | civitate Wigornia Filiae alterius THOMAE TAYLOR de Huntingdon clerici | que statu in conjugali cum annū et | plus compleverat pientissime reddidit | pverpera unicū amoris pignus praecarq' | conjugi relinquens filia Anno ætatis iii° | Christi MDCLXIX."

"Hic juxta conditur | JOHN NEAL | de Deane in Comitatu Bedford ar. | Primogenitus ex decem liberis | Johannis Neale Armig: qui Uxorem | duxit ANNAM filiā HENRICI CROMWELL | de Upwood in Comitatu Hunt. armig. | ex qua nati erant duo filij IOHANNES | HENRICUS tres filiae ANNA | BRIDGETTA ELIZABETHA | Natus 20° decemb. 1612 | Denatus 28° Octob. 1680 | Vir bonus et pius."

JOSEPH NEALE of London, Esq. s. of John Neale of Nether-Dean, Esq. gave £20 a year in lands for founding a charity school in this parish 27 Aug. 1702. He ob. at London 23 Apr. 1710.

There was also a brass to Dom. Robert Parker, Rector of Dean & Preb. of St. Mary's Salop, who died in 1501.

DUNSTABLE.

Most of the Inscriptions in this church have appeared in print, and are to be found in the following works:

Bedfordshire Notes and Queries, vol. i. p. 72.
Topographer and Genealogist, vol. i. p. 68.
Bibliotheca Topographica Brittanica, vol. viii. p. 171.

The last-named collection contains several errors, some of which I here correct:

p. 172, No. 11, *for* Alcee *read* Alee.
p. 174, No. 16, should read thus:

Of yor chariti pray for the soules of Richard Pynfold | and Margaret his wyf the whiche Richard deceased | the xxiii day of Novembre in the yere of our lord god | MVCXXVI on whose soules Jhu have mercy. Amen.

p. 178, No. 33, *for* aged 75 *read* aged 52.
p. 179, No. 34, „ aged 85 „ aged 65.
p. 182, No. 40, „ 1668 „ 1698.

As some alterations were being carried out, I was unable to take a complete survey of the monuments, of which there are a considerable number, but I was able to copy a few which have not yet been printed, as under :

"Near this place lye the bodies of | DANIEL & JOHN MARSHE | Sons of FRANCIS MARSHE of Dunstable Gent: | DANIEL the elder was an Attorney at Law | and dyed June the 20th 1712 Aged 60. | JOHN was a Physician and dyed May | the 4th 1700 Aged 42 | Both of them Eminent in their Professions | of unshaken Fidelity to the Crown, and true | members of the Church of England. | They liv'd belov'd and dyed lamented by | all that know them, and particularly by | their sister Mrs. IANE MARSHE who in memory of them erected this | monument."

Arms.—Per pale gu. and az., a horse's head couped ar. between three quatrefoils or.

"In | grateful remembrance | of JANE MARSH a worthy inhabitant | for many years of the parish of Dunstable who | died unmarried 30th of August 1730 and was | youngest daughter of FRANCIS MARSH | Gentleman by REBECCA his wife daughter | of John Briggs formerly of this Town. | This monument | is here | placed."

"In Memory | of GEORGE MADDISON Esquire | who departed this life | January the 3rd 1806 | Aged 76."

"Here lyes the Body of | Mr. WILLIAM GARNETT | who departed this life the 3d | of May 1731 Aged 83 years. | Here also lyes the body of | ELIZABETH HEBBER niece | of Mr. William Garnett | who died Sept. the 9th 1777 Aged 83."

"Sacred to the Memory | of the | Revd. SOLOMON PIGGOTT, A.M. | Rector of Dunstable. | He died April 27th 1845 | Aged 66 years."

EATON SOCON.

"Hic iacet dña Elena Wawton quondam uxoris dni Thome Wawton militis que obiit vo die mense februarii Ao dni milmo CCCClxiiio Cuius anime ppicietur deus amē."—*Brass.*

"Here vnder lyeth interrd the body of | Mrs. ELIZABETH BRAKIN late wife to IOHN | BRAKIN of Eaton Socon in

the County of | Bedford Esqr. who departed this life | the 28th of November Anno Dni 1655. | Before whom was in this place bvried | M^{rs}. Elizabeth Brakin, their davghter, | who died the 28th of December | Annoq' Dni 1650."

"Here lies M^{r}. OLIVER | BEVERLEY of Becwra | the son of Sr JAMES | BEVERLEY the hosbon | of Mis JANE BEVERLEY | He died the 30 | day of April 1666."

"M.S. | ALEXANDRI BLAKE Armigeri, | cujus reliquae hic sunt depositae | Filius fuit HUMPHREDI BLAKE | de Bridgewater in comitatu Somersetensi: et inter quatuordecim fratres | Natu minimus. | Quorum primogenitus fuit celeberrimus | Ille Robertus Blake Anglorum thalas siarch | Que memorabiles illas victorias | Et de Batavis et Hispanis reportavit | Hic etiam et primam et secundam vitae | Temporis partem—am bellica gloria patriae | Tertiam sibi ipse—mpertiebat | Annoq' dome 1690 aetatis suae 73^{tio} | In pace obiit aeternum in pace vivit."

"Here | Lies the Body of | JOHN DANVERS of Basmead Esq. one | of the sons of | SAMUEL DANVERS | of | Swithland in ye County | of Leicester Esqr. who | departed this Life Sep^{t}. | the 15th 1741."

A WESTMINSTER ABBEY MONUMENT IN BEDFORDSHIRE.

IT does not often happen, I suppose, for a monument once set up in Westminster Abbey to be disestablished and to find a resting-place in a quiet country church, but that such an unusual occurrence has actually happened is proved by the following extract from the Diary of Mr. Poole, Master-Mason of the Abbey, 1824–1875:

> "1868. The monument of Dame Elizabeth Carteret (a pretty monument, 1717), next the north side of the organ, had become loose and ruinous; it was taken down and sent to Haynes, near Bedford, the residence of the then Sub-dean, who was the representative of the Carteret family."

The lady to whose memory this monument was erected was (as Col. Chester tells us in his *Westminster Abbey Registers*) "dau. of Sir Edward Carteret, Knt., Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod in the reign of K. Charles II., by Elizabeth, d. of Robert Johnson, Esq., Alderman of London. She was born 30 Dec. 1663, and baptized at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Middx., 12 Jan. following. She married (Mar. Lic. Vic. Gen. 25 Apr. 1676), in her thirteenth year, with her father's consent, her kinsman Sir Philip Carteret, second Bart. of St. Ouen, who died in 1693, and their only son was born about three years later." She died 26 March, 1717, and was buried at Westminster Abbey 29 March following.

HUNT, OF CHALVERSTERNE, IN ROXTON.—On a stone slab on the top of a high brick tomb in the churchyard of the Church of the Holy Ghost, Basingstoke, is the following inscription. Some of the lettering having become almost illegible renders it next to impossible to decipher the whole of it. C. H. M.

"Here rests | the body of IOHN CUFANDE, of Cufande descended from the | Ancient Family of ye Cufandes of Cufande in the County of | Southampton Esq: who married ANNE HUNT ——— to ROGER HUNT of Chawton in the County of Bedford Esq. | He died ye 23 of Nov. 1701 | Cuius anima [? propicietur] Deus. |* This monument was dedicated | to his memory by his | loving wife."

Arms.—Four bars and a canton; on an inescutcheon of pretence. A chevron within a bordure engrailed.

BATTLESDEN.—On a chalice in the possession of the Rector of Battlesden is an inscription as follows:

"The Gift of Eliz^th Reynes for ye use of ye Sacrament in ye Parish of Battlesden in Bedford Shire 1696."

She was the ninth daughter of Nathaniel Reynes, B.D., instituted to Battlesden 28th July 1629. He was also Rector of Fryern-Barnet, co. Middx.

* This is a late instance of the survival of the use of Prayer for the Departed.—*Ed.*

Query.

NEWLAND AND EWER FAMILIES.—I should be glad to receive any information tending to throw light on the Newland family, from whom sprang the eminent cashier of the Bank of England—Abraham Newland—who died, I believe, about 1807. Contemporary with Abraham Newland was a Mr. Ewer, one of the Governors of the same Bank and a Member of Parliament, whose utterances, so far as they have come down to us, show great worldly wisdom. I think he must have been one of the Luton Ewers. Abraham Newland—as many people know—died possessed of a very considerable fortune, and though never married was a man of great kindness of disposition and generous instincts. His wealth had been acquired by the steady and continued application of great business ability, and its disposal marked the man, for he forgot no friend—great or small—nor passed by any relative that was known to him. Indeed, his good deeds lived after him. His relations ultimately came into the bulk of his great wealth, and, in addition to present bequests, they were made his residuary legatees. One of those legatees married John Limbery, of Bleakhall and Putteridge, and for her second husband William Ewer, of Limbury and White Hill. I am desirous of finding out whether this Mrs. Limbery, afterwards Mrs. Ewer, was a Miss Fountaine, a Miss Fossey, a Miss Stevens, a Miss Edwin, a Miss Taylor, or a Miss Stratford. I shall be glad of any reliable information that traces the history and descent of those and other local families thereabout, nor will any intelligent or far-seeing person think the enquiry impertinent, for the day is surely coming when the value of timely-gathered information will be appreciated. Beyond the above my quest for the moment is more particularly to trace the ancestry of Daniel Ewer, who settled at Stopsley near about 1770. He was then about thirty-five years of age, having been born in 1735. My enquiry therefore is *circa* of this latter date, and refers to a William Ewer, the father of the above-named Daniel Ewer, of Stopsley. That William Ewer is said to have suffered a reverse of fortune, and in some way to have lost his estate. My desire is to trace him to his old home, which I suppose was situated in the vicinity—that is, between Luton and Hitchin. Possibly

there are collateral branches of the family existing, and should any note of mine meet the eye of any to whom the name of Ewer is known, and they can assist me in tracing the Ewer family of the past, I shall be much obliged by their communicating with me direct.

D. GEO. BRUTON.

Bedfords, Havering, Romford.

Reply.

SKEVINGTONS OF BEDFORDSHIRE.—In answer to the query in the April number of *Bedfordshire Notes and Queries*, I can give the following information:—My great-grandfather, Thomas Skevington, of Newton Blossomville, co. Bucks., married Christian, eldest daughter of the Rev. Edmond Williamson, Rector of Milbrook. They were married at Westminster, 1777, as is shown by a letter, which I have, written by Thomas Skevington on the occasion, to his brother Carter Skevington, and sister Anne Skevington, who then lived at Boxend, Kempston. Thomas Skevington was the son of Thomas Skevington, also of Newton Blossomville, who married Elizabeth, daughter and co-heiress of William Carter, of Turvey and Kempston. Thomas and Christian Skevington left only two children, Elizabeth Christian, who married Thomas Kidman, solicitor, of Bedford, and Anne Skevington, who died unmarried at St. Mary's, Bedford. The Newton Skevingtons were a branch of the Skevingtons of Skevington, as is evidenced by their arms on some plate still in our possession, viz. Quarterly Ermine and Argent, three Fusils Gules, in fesse. Some of the Skevingtons having, after the marriage of Thomas, son of Sir William Skevington, Lord Deputy of Ireland, with Margaret Stanhope, adopted the arms of Stanhope instead of their original coat (Argent, three Bulls' Heads erased, sable). The Skevingtons of Newton also used the same crest as the Skevingtons of Skevington—a Mermaid. Newton is in Buckinghamshire, but is only separated from Bedfordshire by the river Ouse.

T. CARTER MITCHELL, F.S.A.

Topcliffe, Yorks.

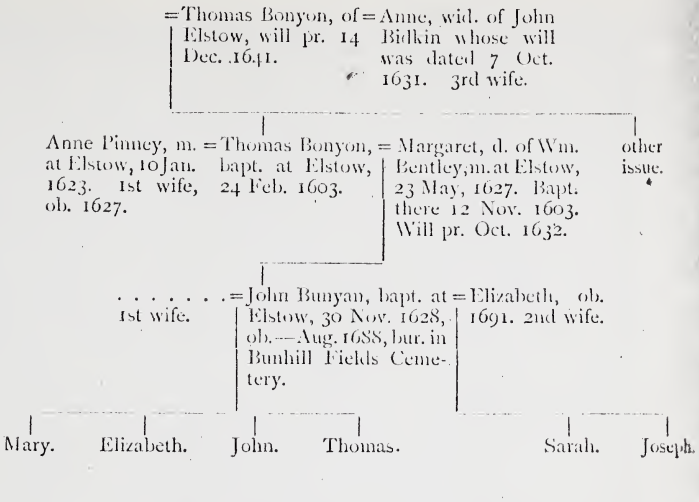
BEDFORDSHIRE

NOTES AND QUERIES.

DEEDS RELATING TO THE BUNYAN FAMILY, OF ELSTOW.

THE five following deeds, which have recently come into my possession, are interesting in connection with the name of Bonyan, a name inseparably connected with Bedford. The Thomas Bunyon who signs them was the grandfather of John Bunyan, the author of "The Pilgrim's Progress," etc. Anne Bidkin seems quickly to have consoled herself for the loss of her husband John Bidkin, shepherd, for as he only made his will the 7th of October, 1631, and she signs the first deed of the series, as wife of Thomas Bonyon, on the 27th of August, 1632, the marriage must have taken place some time during the interval. She was his third wife and it would seem that he left his own home to take up his residence with his new wife. His son Thomas had recently, in 1627, married again, and was rearing a family; possibly they did not look very favourably upon the new stepmother, hence we may conclude that Thomas Bonyon resolved to give up his old home to his son, and to make himself comfortable with his third wife in the home which she, out of her love and affection, made him a present of. The last deed I have given the pith of, as it was too long to insert in full. Subjoined is a short pedigree of the Bunyan family, compiled from Dr. Brown's "John Bunyan."

F. A. B.



1. TO ALL XPI'AN PEOPLE to whom this p'sent wrighting shall come I *Anne Bonyon* of Elstowe in the Countie of Bedford Send greeting in o^r lord God eu^rlasting WHERAS *John Bidkin* late of Elstow in the County of Bedford aforsaid Shephard my late Husband deceased did by his last will and Testament made the Seaventh day of October in the seaventh yeare of the King's Mait' Raygne &c. give and bequeth vnto me the said Anne Bonyon and my heires for euer all his Messuage and Tenement wherein I now dwell And Three Acres of Arable land therto belonging NOW KNOWE you me the said Anne Bonyon for and in Considerac'on of the entyre love and affection wch I haue and beare vnto my loving Husband THOMAS BONYON of Elstow in the Countie of Bedd. aforesaid Brasier for his better Maintenannce of living after the decease of me the said Anne Bonyon as alsoe for diverse other good Causes & Considerac'ons me herevnto Moving HAUE given graunted enfeoffed & Confirmed And by this my p'sent wrighting or deed doe ffreely Clearly and absolutly give Graunt enfeoffe & Confirme vnto Thomas Bonyon my said Husband his heires & assignes for euer after the decease of me the said Anne Bonyon All that Messuage or Tenem' with apteni'ces Wherin Thomas Bonyon my said Husband and I doe now dwell and Three Acres of Arable land Together with all and all manno^r houses edifices buildings barnes yards hovells

shedds orchards gardens Commons p'ffitts Comodities & ap'tenances whatsoeu^r vnto the said Messuage or Tenem' and Three acres of Arable land belonging or in any wise app'teyning To HAUE AND TO HOLD the said Messuage or Tenem' & Three acres of Arable land afore menconed and all and singular other the p'misses before in and by these p^r^ntes ment menc'oned or intended to be given graunted Conveyed & assured and eu^r^ye p'te and p'cell of the same wth ther & eu^r^ye of ther app'tenances vnto the said Thomas Bonyon my Husband his heires & Assignes to the vses intents & purposes hereafter in these p'sents following menc'oned expressed ment and sett downe and to and for non other vse intent or purpose That is to say to the vse benefett and behoofe of me the said Anne Bonyon for vnto & during the whole & full Tearme & Tyme of the naturall liffe of me the said Anne Bonyon According to the true intent and meaning of these p'sents and of all p'ties to the same AND after the decease of me the said Anne Bonyon then to the only sole p^r^p' vse benefett & behoofe of him the said Thomas Bonyon my husband his heires & assignes and eu^r^ye of them for euer to & for the vses intents & purposes afore menconed & ment & to & for non other vse intent or purpose against me my heires Executors or assignes and against all & eu^r^ye other p'son or p'sons whatsoeu^r that now haue or att any tyme hereafter shall or may lawfully Clayme or p'tend to haue any estate in the before Conveyed & assured p'misses or any p'te or p'cell therof shall and will warrant & for eu^r^ defend by these p'sentes according to the true meaning of these p^r^sents and of all p'ties to the same IN WITNESSE wherof I the said Anne Bonyon haue to this my p^r^sent deed set my hand and seale Dated the Twenty seaventh of August in the eight yeare of the Raygne of our Sou^r^aygne lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland ffrannce & Ireland Kinge Defender of the ffayth &c. Annoq' dn'i 1632.

ANNE X BONYON
her marke.

2. TO ALL XPIAN people to whom this p'sent wrighting shall come & it shall reade WHEREAS *John Bidkin* of Elstow in the Countie of Bedff. shephard deceased did by his liffe tyme give & graunt by his deed bearing date the five & Twentith day of September in the sixtenth

yeare of Kinge James Raigne of Englande vnto *Anne Bidkin* his loving wife for her better maintenannce if the said Anne Bidken should happen to survive & ou'live him one messuage or tenem' wth tenn Acres of Arable & one Rood of Meadowe lying & being w^th^in the p'ish of Elstowe as by the said deed it doth & may more plainlie appeare NOW KNOWE yee that wee *Thomas Bonyon* of Elstowe in the Countie of Bedff. aforesaid Pettie Chapman & *Anne Bonyon* my wife late wife of the said John Bidken deceased for divers causes & considerac'ons vs thervnto mouinge as alsoe for and in Considerac'on of the some of Twoe shillings of lawfull money of England to vs in hand paid before the ensealing and deliu^r^ye of these p'sents by *Nicholas Waddop* of Elstowe in the Countie of Bedff. aforesaid matte maker wherwith & wherof wee doe acknowledge o^r^selves Satisfied Contented and paid HAUE Remised released quightclaymed and by these p'sents for o^r^selves o^r^ heires executors and assignes doe for euer remise release & quightclayme vnto Nicholas Waddop all & all mannor of gifts grants dowers ioyntures Rights tytles interest clayme or demand whatsoeur wch wee the said Thomas Bonyon & Anne my wife now haue may might should or ought to haue by the gift and graunt of John Bidken deceased of & into one Rood of meadow seytuate lyinge & beinge w^th^in the p'ish of Elstow in a meadow caled Quechssonne the meadow late belonging to Mr. Spencer west & the said Nicholas Waddope East Soe that neither we the said Thomas Bonyon & Anne my wife o^r^ Executors Administrators or Assignes or any of vs shall not att any tyme or tymes hereafter wrest sue or p'sente any suite vppon any arest or otherwise against him the said Nicholas Waddop his heires Executors administrators or assignes for any cause or Coloure of Cause whatsoeuer for & Concerning the said Rood of Meadow as aforesaid but from the same shalbe hindered & barred by these p'sents IN WITNESSE wherof wee the said Thomas Bonyon & Anne my wife haue herevnto put our hands and seales the ffirst day of June in the yeare of the Raygne of our Sou'aygne Lord Charles by the grace of god of England Scotland ffraunce & Ireland King defender of the ffaythe &c. the tenth Annoq' dni 1634.

Sign' Thomas T Bonyon Sign' Anne Q Bonyon.

3. To all xpian people to whom this p^rsent wrightinge shall come to be reade or seene wee *Thomas Bonyon* of Elstowe in the Countie of Bedford Pettie Chapman *Anne* my wiffe and *Thomas ffuller* of Houghton in the said Countie of Bedford Yeoman Send greetinge in o^r lord god everlastinge Know ye that wee the said Thomas Bonyon Anne my wiffe and Thomas ffuller for and in Consideracon of the some of Thirtie Sixe poundes of lawfull English money to the said Thomas Bonyon in hand paied before the ensealinge and deliu^rye of these p'sents by *John Goodwin* of Littleington in the Countie of Bedford Carpinter and Anne his wiffe the receite wherof wee doe acknowledge and therof and of everie peney therof wee doe Acquite and discharge the said John Goodwin Anne his wiffe ther heires Executors and Administrators by these p^rsents Haue Remised released and altogether for vs and our heires and the heires of any of vs for ever quite Claymed and by these p^rsents doe remise release and quite Clayme vnto the said John Goodwin and Anne his wiffe in their full and peaceable possession and seisen nowe beinge ther heires and Assignes for Ever All o^r Right tytle Clayme demannd and Interest which wee or any of vs haue had now haue or at anytyme hereafter shall or may haue of in and to one messuage or Tenem' now or late in the Tenu' or occupacon of *Edward Cranfield* or his Assignes scytuate and beinge in Elstowe aforesaid in the said Countie of Bedff. the Messuage in the Tenu' of *Mathew Dymocke* towards the North the Comon greene then called Pinfolde towards the south and the Kings Maties highway or Comon streete west Soe that neither wee the said Thomas Bonyon Anne my wife and Thomas ffuller nor any of vs nor the heires of vs or any of vs any Estate Right tytle Clayme o^r Interest of in to or out of the same Messuage or Tenem' or in any p'te or p'cell of the same shall or may Clayme or demannd and exclude for ever by these p^rsents In witnesse wherof wee the said Thomas Bonyon Anne my wiffe and Thomas ffuller haue herevnto sett our hands and Seales the Third day of June in the Seaventeenth yeare of the Raygne of o^r most gratious Sou^raygne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland ffraunce and Ireland Kinge Defender of the ffayth &c. Annoq' dni 1641.

The marke of	the marke of	the marke of
Thomas T Bonyon	Anne X Bonyon	Thomas X ffuller.

4. THIS INDENTURE made the third day of June in the Seaventeenth year of the Raygne of o^r most gratious Souraygne Lord Charles by the grace of God of England Scotland ffrannce & Ireland Kinge deffender of the ffayth &c. BETWEENE *Thomas Bonyon* of Elstowe in the Countie of Bedford Petty Chapman of the one p'te and *Thomas Carter* of Kempston in the Countie of Bedford aforesaid gent and *Walton Cooper* of Elstowe aforesaid in the said Countie gent of the other p'tie WITTNESSETH that the said Thomas Bonyon as well for and in consideracon that *Anne Bonyon* nowe wiffe of the said Thomas Bonyon At or before the ensealinge and delivery of these p^rsentes Haue Jointly together with the said Thomas Bonyon her husband graunted Bargained and solde one Messuage or Tenemente scytuate and being in Elstowe aforesaid in the said Countie of Bedford the which the said Anne Bonyon was Interrested in for the Consideracon aforesaid the said Thomas Bonyon beinge moved to provide some stay and Assurance for Anne his said wiffe Toward her better mayntenannce of livinge hereafter if in case shee shall happen to Survive and overlive him the said Thomas Bonyon And alsoe for divers other good Causes and valuable consideracons him the said Thomas Bonyon therevnto Espeacially moveinge HATH given grauntede Assured and Confirmed And by these presentes doth ffreely Clearly and absolutely give graunte Assure and Confirme vnto the said Thomas Carter and Walton Cooper All that his messuage or Tenemente with all and singular the Appurtenannces scytuate lyinge and beinge in Elstowe aforesaid in the said Countie of Bedford wherin he the said Thomas Bonyon doth now Inhabite and dwell TOGETHER with all houses Edifices Orchardes Gardins yardes Easmentes Com'ons proffitts Comodities and appurtenannces to the said messuage or Tenement belonginge or in anywise app'teyninge which said messuage or Tenement was lately purchased by the said Thomas Bonyon of George Eckles late of Elstowe aforesaid Carpinter deceased And doth abutt towards the north vppon a Tenement of *Thomas Hewett* Esq. in the Tennor of Robert Androwe or his assignes and towards the South vppon a howse Com'only called by the name of the Checker TO HAUE AND TO HOLD the said Messuage or Tenemente and all and singular other the p^rmisses given graunted Conveyed and Assured as aforesaid and everie

p'te and p'cell therof with their and everie of their Appurtenannces vnto the said Thomas Carter and Walton Cooper their heires and Assignes for ever to the vses Intents and purposes hereafter in these p'sentes mene'oned Expressed and sett doune That is to say to the vse beneffitt and behooffe of him the said Thomas Bonyon and Anne his wiffe for and duringe the tearme of their two naturall lives and the liffe of the longer liver of them And after the decease of the said Thomas Bonyon and Anne his wiffe then to the Right Heires of the said Thomas Bonyon for ever As the same shalbe disposed of by the last will and Testament of him the said Thomas Bonyon or otherwise AND THE SAID Thomas Bonyon doth for himself his heires Executors Administrators and Assigns Covenannt p'misse graunt and Agree to & with the said Thomas Carter and Walton Cooper their heires and Assignes by these presentes That they the said Thomas Carter and Walton Cooper and their heires shall and may peaceably and quietly haue hold and Inioye all and singular the before graunted p'misses and everie of them with their Appurtenannces to the vse and vses before lymited and expressed and to noe other Intente and purpose without any lett trouble incombrance denyall or lawfull Interrupcon of him the said Thomas Bonyon his heires or Assignes or any other p'son or p'sons whatsoeuer Lawfully Clayminge for from by or vnder him them or any of them or by his or their or either of their meanes or p'curements AND THAT the said messuage or Tenement and all other the p'misses are and shalbe Acquited discharged or otherwise saved and kepte harmlesse of and from all manner of fformer and other Bargaines sales giftes grauntes Joyntures Dowers Intayles vses leases Morgages tytles troubles and Incombrances whatsoever had made suffered or done by the said Thomas Bonyon which may hinder trouble or Impayre the Estate of the said Anne if shee shall happen to survive and over liue the said Thomas Bonyon AND THE SAID Thomas Bonyon and his heires the said messuage or Tenement and all other the p'misses afore Recyted against all p'sons will warrante and defend by these presentes IN WITTNESSE WHEROF the said parties aboue namede to these present Indentures Interchangably haue putt to their handes and Seales the day and yeare ffirst aboue written.

the marke of
Thomas T Bonyon.

5. INDENTURE dated 3 June 1641 between *John Goodwin* of Litlington in the County of Bedford, carpenter & *Anne* his wife of the one part and *Thomas Bonyon* of Elstow in the said county, Petty Chapman, of the other part. In consideration of the sum of £34 paid by Thomas Bonyon to John Goodwin and Anne his wife they convey to Thomas Bonyon a messuage or cottage now or late in the occupation of *Edward Cranfield*, situate in Elstow next unto a house of *Thomas Hewett* Esq. in the tenure of *Matthew Dymocke* towards the north and south on a common green there called Pinfould green and the King's Majesty's highway or common street west.—Provided always and upon this condition notwithstanding that if the said John Goodwin Anne his wife their heirs executors or assigns shall pay or cause to be truly paid to the said Thomas Bonyon his executors administrators or assigns the full sum of £35 12*s.* within the now dwellinghouse of the said Thomas Bonyon in manner and form following, viz.—£14 upon the 29th of September next ensuing the date hereof & the full sum of £21 12*s.* upon the 6th of June 1642 then this present indenture bargain & sale shall be utterly void and of no effect. Or else absolutely the said messuage shall remain continue and abide to the said Thomas Bonyon his heirs and assigns for ever. But it is agreed that the said John Goodwin Anne his wife and their heirs shall have the premises in occupation until default be made in payment as aforesaid without payment & rent to the said Thomas Bonyon for the same but that which Edward Cranfield is to pay on the 29th of September next ensuing.

The marke of
Thomas T Bonyon.

RAPHE ALWEY'S SETTLEMENT.

THIS INDENTURE made the Twentith daye of Julye in the yeare of the Raigne of our sou'aigne Lorde Charles by the grace of god Kinge of Ingland Scotland ffrance and Ireland &c. defendor of the ffaithe the Sixte

BETWEENE Sr *William Briers* of Vpburye in the p'ishe of Pulloxhill in the Countie of Bedd. Knight And *Richard Naper* al's Sandye Clerk Parson of the p'ishe Churche of Lynford in the Countie of Buck: of the one p'tie And *Edward Wyngate* the younger of Grayes Inn in the Countie of Midd. gent and *Marye* his wiffe eldest daughter and one of the Coheires of *Raphe Alwey* late of Cannons in the Countie of Hertf: Esquyre deceased and *Anne Alwey* and *Dorothye Alwey* Singlewomen towe other of the daughters and Coheires of the said Raphe Alwey of the other p'tie WITNESSETH That whereas the said Raphe Alwey in his life tyme was seised in his demesne as of ffee of and in one Messuage and divers arrable lands meadowes and pastures late in the occupation of *Henry Punter* or his assignes scituate and beinge in Westoninge in the said Countie of Bedd: and of divers other messuages Cottages lands meadowes and pastures in Maldon in the said Countie of Bedd: And of and in one Messuage or Inn called the Bell and divers lands meadowes and pastures thereto belonginge in Ampthill in the said Countie of Bedd: now or late in the occupacon of *Raphe Saye* or his assignes And of and in divers other mano^rs messuages lands meadowes and pastures in Luton Lymbery and lygrave and eyther of them in the said Countie of Bedd. And of and in divers other messuages lands meadowes and pastures in Whipsnade in the said Countie of Bedd, And alsoe of and in one Añuytie or yearlye rent Charge of sixteene pounds by the yeare issuynge and goeinge out of the manor of Sharpenhoe in the p'ishe of Streatlye in the said Countie of Bedd. And of and in divers lands meadowes and pastures in Ayott Mounfitchett in the said Countie of Herts. And he the said Raphe Alwey so beinge seised of all and singuler the p'misses before his deathe made his last will and Testament together with a Codicell therto annexed in writinge And therby devised and bequeathed all his said mannors Messuages Cottages lands meadowes and pastures in Westonynge Maldon Ampthill Whipsnade Luton Lymbery and Lygrave in the said Countie of Bedd : vnto *Dorothye Alwey* then his wiffe And now the wiffe of *George Rotherham* Esquyre for the Terme of her naturall life And he the said Raphe Alwey in and by his said last will and testament did devise and bequeathe all the said manno^rs messuages lands and Tenements after the decease of the said Dorothye then

his wiffe vnto the said Sr William Briers and Richard Naper al's Sandye and vnto *John Vnedall* gent now deceased ffather in lawe to him the said Raphe and to their heires vpon such trust and Confidence as in his said will and hereinafter is expressed And alsoe did devise and bequeathe vnto them the said Sr William Briers Richard Naper and John Vnedall and to their heires all that his the said Raphe Alweyes Rent of sixteene pounds by the yeare issuynge and goinge out of the said manor of Sharpenhoe and all his said lands and Tenements meadowes and pastures in Ayott Mountfitchett aforesaid in the said Countie of Hertf. TO HAVE AND TO HOLD to them the said Sr William Briers and Richard Naper al's Sandye and John VNEDALL and their heires vpon the speciall trust and Confidence That is to saye THAT they and the survivor of them and his heires should p'sentlie after the decease of the said Raphe Alwey take the issues and profitts of the p'misses devised ymediatelie vnto them and all the residue after the deathe of the said Dorothye his wiffe, and the same should vse and ymploye accordinge to their discretions to the benefitt and p'fitt of his said three daughters Marye Anne and Dorothye vntill such tyme as his said three daughters should atteyne to their seu'all ages of eighteene yeres And further willed and his ernest entreatie and meaninge was that the said three p'sons trusted and the survivor of them and his heires should not onlye paye and deliver over vnto his said three daughters the said lands so devised accordinge to the true intent aforesaid But alsoe that they should convey and assure over all their interest and estate whatsoever of and on all the said lands tenements and hereditaments before to them devised vnto his said three daughters and their heires at their said seu'all ages of eighteene yeares. That is to saye to every of them in equall thirde parts therof as in and by the said last will & Testament amongst other things may appeare NOW this Indenture ffurther witnesseth That the said Sr William Briers and Richard Naper al's Sandye beinge the survyvinge parties trusted by the said Raphe Alwey for and in Consideracon of the p'formance of the said trust in them reposed and in full satisffac'on of all the issues and p'fitts of any the lands and Tenements wherwith they were trusted which at any tyme have come to their or eyther of their hands or possessions wherof the said Edward Wyngate and Marye his wiffe and the said

Anne Alwey and Dorothye Alwey daughters and Coheirs of the said Raphe do acknowledge themselves to be fullie satisffied And the said Sr William Briers and Richard Naper al's Sandye and eyther of them their and eyther of their heires executo^rs and Administrato^rs to be at all tymes from henceforth clerely acquited and discharged therof and for divers other good causes and Considerac'ons them hervnto movinge have grañted enfeoffed released conveyed assured and Confirmed And by theis p'sents do clerely and absolutelie grañte enfeoffe release convey assure and Confirme vnto the said Edward Wyngate and Marye his wiffe Anne Alwey and Dorothye Alwey daughters and Coheires of the said Raphe Alwey being all of them of their ages of eighteene yeares and more All the said manno^rs messuages cotages landes meadowes pastures Tenements and hereditaments before menco'ned to them the said Sr William Briers & Richard Naper al's Sandye together with the said John Vnedall in forme aforesaid to be devised and eyther of them of in and to the said p'misses above menc'oned to be granted and eu'y parte and parcell therof by virtue of the said last will and Testament of the said Raphe Alwey or by any other meanes or Wayes whatsoever TO HAVE AND TO HOLD all the said mano^rs messuages Cotages lands meadows pastures Tenements and hereditaments and all other and singular the said p'misses above menc'oned to be granted with their appurtenñces (And to the said Sr William Briers and Richard Naper al's Sandye and the said John Vnedall to that intent devised) vnto them the said Edward Wyngate and Mary his wiffe Anne Alwey and Dorothye Alwey daughters and Coheires of the said Raphe Alwey And vnto the heires and assigns of the said Mary Anne and Dorothye in maner and forme followinge THAT is to saye one full thirde parte of all and singular the said p'misses with appurtenñces vnto three equall partes to be devided vnto them the said Edward Wyngate and Marye his wiffe and the heires and assignes of the said Marye and to their onlye vse and behoofe for ever And one other full thirde parte of all and singular the said p'misses with appurtenñces into three equall partes as afores'd to be devided to the said Anne Alwey and to the heires and assignes of the said Anne and to their onlie vse and behoofe for ever And one other full thirde parte of all and singular the said p'misses with their appurtenñces

into three equall partes as aforesaid to be devided vnto the said Dorothye Alwey and to the heires & assignes of the said Dorothye and to their only vse and behoufe for ever in as large maner to all intents and purposes as they the said St William Briers and Richard Napeir al's Sandye may or ought to grante the same by virtue of the said last will and accordinge to the true intent and meaninge therof IN WITNESS wherof the parties to theis p'ntes interchangeablie have sett to their hands and seales the day and yeare first above written.

WILLIAM BRIERS. RICHARD NAPEIR.

Signed Sealed and deliu'ed by the within named Sr William Bryers in the presence of

WILL. DUCKETT. WILL. WHEELER.

Signed sealed and delivered to the vse of the partes with in named in the presence of

RICHARD NAPER, JUN. JOHN VNEDALE.
WILLYAM VNEDALE.

M^rd That I George Rotherham Esqr tenñt to divers parcells of the lands & tenements w^th^in mencōñed in the Right of Dorothye now my Wiffe w^th^in named for the terme of her naturall life doe agree vnto this p^rsent grante and attorne tenñt vnto the grantees w^th^in named accordingly in the p^rsence of

FRA: TAUERNER. THO: AWDLEY.

Gleanings from Parish Registers.

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ASPLEY GUISE.

Baptisms.

1598	Aug. 29	**Hewet**, Dorothie, d. of Thomas, gen.
1599	Oct. 2	,, Judeth, d. of ,, ,,
1600	Jan. 28	,, Sarah, d. of ,, ,,
,,	.....	**Hillersden**, Elizabeth, d. of ,, ,,
1602	Apr. 15	**Hewet**, Thomas, s. of ,, ,,
1620	Mar. 15	**Beaumont**, Anscell, f. Johannis & Temperantiae.
1685	Jan. 27	**Hall**, Joseph, s. of Edward, Rector.
1688	July 22	,, Thomas, s. of ,,
1690	Sept. 7	,, Mary, d. of ,,
1694	.....	,, John, s. of ,,

Burials.

1634	Sept. 8	**Huit**, Thomas.
1639	Apr. 3	**Seton**, Zachary.
1686	Oct. 9	**Blunt**, George.
1697	Aug. 22	**Hall**, Mary, wife of Edward.

Marriages.

1603	Mar. 3	**Sybley—Hardinge**, John & Jane.
1608	,, 25	**Arkesden—Rigbee**, William & Felixe.
1671	Aug. 22	**Marshall—Smith**, Robert, minister, & Sarah.
1683	June 17	**Blunt—Miles**, George & Dorothy.

CLOPHILL.

The Registers for the following years are wanting:—1588, 1593–95, 1603, 1604, 1606, 1607, 1609, 1610, 1611, 1616, 1636–52.

1567	July 30	**Hewytt**, Jane, bapt.
1581	Jan. 21	**Pigote**, Alice, d. of John, bur.
1583	Mar. 16	**Fisher**, Philadelphia, d. of Edward, gen., bapt.
1584	June 17	**Moore**, John, bur.
1585	Sept. 9	**Coxe—Pigotte**, John & Margaret, mar.
1586	Mar. 13	**Burwell**, Edward, bur.

1586	Mar.	16	**Spenser**, Ellyn, wife of Robert, bur.
,,	Jan.	24	**Mayster—Myddleton**, John & Isabell, mar.
1587	Apr.	21	**Povey**, Thomas, s. of Will'm, gen., bapt.
,,	May	10	**Wattson**, Robert, of London, bur.
1589	July	5	**Norman**, Elizabeth, d. of Will'm, bapt.
1590	Sept.	18	**Willcocks**, Lawrence, s. of Lawrence, gen., bapt.
1592	Oct.	20	**Norman**, Robert, s. of Wm., bapt.
1597	Sept.	5	**Moare**, Agnes, d. of John, bapt.
,,	June	21	**Hyde—Mores**, Jeames & Agnes, mar.
1598*	Nov.	19	**Norman**, Marie, d. of Will'm, bapt.
1597	Apr.	24	**Beverlie—Power**, Will'm, gen., & M'ris Marie, mar.
,,	Mar.	10	**Moares**, John, Baylief, bur.
1599	Apr.	28	**Moare**, Robert, s. of John, bapt.
,,	Feb.	11	**Beverlie**, Elizabeth, d. of M'ris Will'm, bapt.
1600	Mar.	22	**Norman**, Ellice, s. of Will'm, bapt.
,,	Nov.	17	,, —**Myddleton**, Thomas & Alice, mar.
,,	[	]	**Beu'lie [Beverley]**, Will'm, gen., dep'ted xxviij° die Januarij and was bur. at Eayton.
1601	Aug.	23	**Norman**, Robert, s. of Thomas, bapt.
1608	,,	13	**Grubbe**, Agnes, wife of Laurence, bur.
1612	Mar.	10	**Hewit**, William, bur.
1614	Oct.	23	**Norman**, Marie, d. of Thomas, bapt.
1615	May	16	**Andrewes**, Elizabeth, d. of Bartimeus, min., bapt.
,,	June	13	**Browne**, Mrs., bur.
1617	June	1	**Norman**, Esau, s. of Thomas, bapt.
1619	July	27	,, Jane, d. of William, bur.
1621	Mar.	21	,, Elizabeth, d. of Thomas, bapt.
1624	,,	13	**Moore**, John, s. of Francis, bapt.
1628	Oct.	16	,, Anne, d. of ,, ,,
1633	Dec.	19	**Beuerley**, William, s. of Mr. James, bapt.
1662	June	26	**Cole**, Nathaniel, "a renowned man," died.
1688	Jan.	18	**Carr—Stackhouse**, Mr. John & Mrs. Judith, mar.
1695	Feb.	13	**Carter**, Sarah, wife of Mr. John, bur.
1697	Sept.	20	**Fletcher**, Frances, d. of Charles & Francis, born 3 Sept., bapt.
1699	Feb.	23	,, Charles, s. of ,, bapt. 20 Feb. bur.

* So entered in the Register.

Monumental Inscriptions.

(Continued from p. 221.)

ASPLEY-GUISE.

"Hic | Resurgenti salutari | depositi sunt cineres | Franciscae Dilectissimae Uxoris | Gulielmi Norcliffe | Nuper hujusce loci Armigeri; | Quae everso curru propè Dunstable | Ibi mortem obijt violentam | Hanc posteà Maritus suus | morte subitâ secutus est, | Et utpote in lecto inventus sit | Eo modo quo fuit composito | Creditur se in somno decessisse | Cui somnus videretur non tàm imago mortis | Quàm reverà Mors ipsa | Vitâ ambo pientissime | Ambo Morte subitissimâ abrepti sunt | Tres filios habuerunt | Gulielmum scilicet natu primum | Qui in transmarinis partibus | Veneno (ut fertur) è Vitâ subreptus est | Natu secundus fuit Marmaducus | Collegii Corporis Christi | In Academia Oxoniensi | Alumnus | Arturum Magister et Medicinae studiosus Qui tabe infectus | Sub hoc Marmore sepultus jacet | In gratam memoriam | Parentum et Fratrum | Sibi charissimorum | (Parvulum sanè pignus) | Columnam hanc marmorem | Thomas Norcliffe Filius | Solummodò superstes | Deflens locavit | Anno Salutis 1724."

ELSTOW.

"Hereunder lieth | ye body of Thomas Hillersdon esq | and of Thomas Hillersdon | and Margaret his wife daughter of Sr Wm. Litton Kt. | grandson to Sr Thomas Hillersdon of Elnestowe | in the County of Bedford Kt | both likewise buryed in this church | Wh Thomas being descended from the | ancient family of the Hillersdons | in deuonsh & having wedded Elizabeth | daughter to John Hvxley of Edmonton | in the County of Midd. Esq. | had issue by her two sonns | Vz Thomas and John yet liuing | and two daughters | Vz Margaret and Elizabeth deceased | And departed this mortall life | the xvii day of January | in ye 25th yeare of his age & yeare of our Lord MDCLVI | to

whose deare memory | ye said ELIZABETH his sorrowful widow | erected this monument."

ARMS.—Argent, on a chevron sable, three bulls' heads cabossed of the field, HILLERSDON.

Ermine, on a bend cotised gules, three crescents of, HUXLEY.

(*Chancel Floor.*)

"Here lieth the body of ROB'T | LOVETT Esq. sutimes citizen | and merchant of London He | was borne at Kingstone in the | countie of Stafford being aged | 67 yeares and 7 months. He dep'ted | this life the 30th day of November | Ano D'ni 1657. | And was a good | benefactor to ye poore |

Also ye body of ELISABETH wife | of ROBERT CROMPTON Esq. | who dyed | ye 24 of March 1698, aged 62."

"Here lieth the body of | Mrs Margaret FARRER | second daughter of | DENNIS FARRER | of Cold Brayfield Bucks, Esq. | who died the 5th of June 1769 | Aged 40."

"Here lyeth interr'd the body of | JOHN HILLERSDON | of the Inner Temple Esq. who | dyed the 15th day of May | In the 29th year of his age | 1684."

"Here lyeth interr'd ye body of | MARY the wife of | THOMAS HILLERSDON Esq. | who departed this life | August ye 6th 1689* | In ye 38 yeare | of her age."

"Here lieth ye Remains of | THOMAS FARRER HILLERSDON | Esq. who died | October ye 4 Ætat. suæ 22 | Anno Dni: 1728."

"Here lieth the body of | ANN the wife of DENNIS FARRER HILLERSDON | Esq. of this parish | She was daughter of HENRY FOUR | Esq. late of Egham | in the County of Surry | Dep. this life Sept. the 21 | 1762 aged 31 years | leaving two Daughters | HARRIET & ANN."

(*S. Aisle, mural*).

"In spe beatae | Resurrectionis juxta hoc monumentum | jacet | LOVETUS CROMPTON | Filius ROBERTI CROMPTON | et ELIZABETHAE uxoris eius | dilectae natu maximus interioris | Templi Londiniensis Armigeri | Qui undecimo die Martij obijt | Anno Dom: 1684 | Ætatisque suæ 30 | Quod mœstissima mater | et executrix | posuit.

Felicem expectans Resurrectionem | Hic juxta jacet | IOHANNES HILLERSDON | Ex Interiori Templo Armiger |

* In P.R. the date of her burial is 8 Aug. 1693.

Filius THOMAE HILLERSDON | et ELIZABETHAE uxoris ejus. | Obijt Decimo Quinto die Maij | Anno Domini 1684* | Ætatisque suae Vicessimo nono | In cujus memoriam ELIZABETHA (jam | GULIELMI BECHAR de Howberry in | comitatu Bedfordiae Militis uxor) | Ejus moestissima mater et | THOMAS HILLERSDON Armiger Frater | Charissimus | hoc | Monumentum | Posuere."

(*N. Wall of Nave.*)

"Hic juxta jacet | ROBERTVS CROMPTON Arm: | filius THOMAE CROMPTON de Creswell | in agro Stafford: & de Societate Lincoln: arm: | & REBECCA uxoris ejus filiae unicae et heredis | ROBERTI LOUET de Civitate Londiniensis, Mercatoris | Nepos ex filio THOMAE CROMPTON de eadeam Creswell | militis et legum doctoris qui fuit curiae Admiralitatis Angl: | judex Elizabethae Reginae & Iacobo Regi advocatus | Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi vicarius generalis & Episcopo | Londiniensi Cancellarius. Duxit in uxorem ELIZABETHAM | THOMAE HORNE de Kensworth in com Hartfordiae geñ. | filiam per quem prolem habuit MARIAM IOHANNI PERRY arm. | nuptam & sine prole mortuam. LOVETUM filiâ primogenitum | ROBERTUM & ELIZAM qui duo in ephebis e luce migrarunt: | ANNAM BARBARAM IOHANNEM THOMAM CAROLINAM ELIZABETHAM | & REBECCAM in pubertate defunctam e vitâ decessit 22° | Septembris Anno Salutis Nostrae 1681° | Ætatis suae 52°.

In cujus memoriam ELIZABETHA uxor eius & LOVETUS | filius natu maximus hoc posuerunt monumentum. | Iuxta cineres Mariti etiam jacet ELIZABETHAM | praedicti ROBERTI CROMPTON Arm: uxor | quae e vitâ dicessit An° Salutis | 1693° Martij die 24° | Ætatisque suae | 62°."

ARMS.—Quarterly of 4,—1. Ar. on a chief vert 3 pheons or. CROMPTON.—2. A chevron between three crosses crosslet.—3. Gu. three swords in pale.—4. Az. 3 wolves passant in pale sable. LOVET.

EVERSHOLT.

"Piae Memoriae REBECKAE SYMON | nuper uxoris IOHANNIS SYMON | Londini | Corpus sub hoc marmore

* In P.R. his burial is recorded 20 Apr. 1684.

jacet | Obijt 13 day of August | Anno Domini 1686 | Ætatis suae 36 | Sub eodem hoc marmore conditum jacet | Corpus ipsius Iohannis Symon | predicti qui obijt Die Maij 28 Ann: Dni | 1711 | Ut et CATHERINAE conjugis Iohannis | predicti Alterius quae obijt 8 Septembris | Anno Dom. 1725."

ARMS.— —— two chevrons ——.

"Sub hoc marmore Corpus quod | mortale fuit MARIAE uxoris AMBROSII | REDDALL hujus villae generosi depositum | quae mutavit hanc vitam spe melioris | Octavo Die Novembris pro ut loquiter | saxum sepulchrale Anno Dom 1704 | Annoque Ætatis 47. Mors mihi lucrum.

Reader stand back hurt not this shrine | with irreligious breath a stone divine. | Sub eodem hoc marmore situs est | AMB. REDDALL Armiger Mariae | Reddall antedicte Maritus Ob. Oct. | 3 Ann: Dom: MDCCxxxj^{mo}. Annoq' | Ætatis xx^{o}."

ARMS.—A saltire betw. four birds, impaling,—on a pile—, three wolves' or leopards' heads erased —.

"Under this Marble lieth | the body of SARAH wife of | RICHARD REDDALL Esqre of this Parish | who died Dec. 25th 1747 | Aged 58 | Also | The Body of the aforesaid | RICHARD REDDALL, Esqre | who died October 7th 1757 | Aged 67."

"Here lieth the body of | the Rev. RICHARD REDDALL | late of this Parish | the youngest son of | Richard Reddall Esq. | deceased of the same parish | who died Aprill 11th 1766. | aged 48 years | And also the body of CATHERINE REDDALL his wife | who died July 9th 1823 | Aged 85 years."

ARMS.—As above, impaling—a chevron between three garbs —.

"Under this Marble lieth | the body of | AMBROSE REDDALL Esqre | who died May 4th 1774 | Aged 58 | Beneath the Stone next adjoining | are deposited the remains of Mrs. JUDY REDDALL widow | of Ambrose Reddall, Esqre | above mentioned | She departed this life April 15th 1797 | Aged 77 years."

ARMS.—As above; on an inescutcheon of pretence—lozengy, a lion rampant —, impaling—three birds' heads —.

"Sacred | to the memory of the Honble FRANCES HENLY ONGLEY | eldest daughter of the first Baron Lord Ongley | of Old Warden in this county | who died Feby 24th 1825 | Aged 58 years."

(*In the Church.*)

"Sacred to the Memory of | LUCY MONOUX | youngest daughter of Sir PHILIP MONOUX, Bart. | of Wootton | and of Sandy in the county of Bedford | Born 1st June 1776 | and died 6th June 1843 | Aged 67 years."

"Close to the foundations of these walls lie | the remains of | ELIZABETH HYDE | Wife of the Reverend WILLIAM HYDE | Rector of this Parish | and daughter of the Right Reverend | Father in God, THOMAS WATSON, D.D. | Lord Bishop of St. David's | Who departed this life August 12th 1718. | Dum vixit | Inter Virgines formosa | In religione fidelissima | Uxorum praestantissima."

Rev. JAMES REED, B.D., Chaplain to K. George III., IV., & Wm. IV., and to H.M. Queen Victoria, Vicar of Hampstead Norris, co. Berks, & 32 years Rector of this parish. Ob. 10 Jan. 1843, act. 74.

Some Bedfordshire Wills.

Abstracted from the Original Wills, and certified copies, at the District Court of Probate, Northampton.

(CONTINUED FROM p. 218.)

THOMAS ROLTE, of Bolnhurst, 27 Oct. 1580. To be bur in Bolnhurst churchyard. Mentions wife Margery, s. Walter, daurs. Margaret and Amy, sons William & Thomas. Appoints s. Walter exor. Thos. Rolte, yeoman, to be overseer. Witnesses Francis Farthwaite minister, Robert Haynes, &c. Proved 4 Apr. 1581.

GEORGE ROTHERHAM, of Fareley, in the Co. of Beds, Esqre 7 Nov. 1590. To the poor of the par. of Luton 40*s*., To Anne Rotherham my daur. £300 at 17 years, Isaake Rotherham my son £200 at age of 22, Thomas Rotherham my son £100 at age of 21, Edmond Rotherham my son £100 at age of 21, Raphe Rotherham my son £100 within 1 year next after my decease. Anne Rotherham, the daur. of my brother William 40*s*. The residue of all my goodes & chattels to Anne Rotherham, my wife, whom I make

sole Executrix. Raphe Sheldon, of Beoleye (?), in the Co. of Worcester, Esqre, Overseer. In presence of Richard Dafton, John Boulte, John Gilbie, Edmund White, Richard Wares al's Mathewe Anthonye Willoughby, Robert Craley. Proved 2 May, 1594. (P. C. C. 40 Dixy.)

GEORGE ROTHERHAM, of Someris, in the Co. of Beds. Esqre, 18 Nov. 1599. My body to be buried in my Chapel at Luton. Elizabeth my now wife. My Will is that she shall have her dwelling and abode at my house at Someris, with my eldest son John Rotherham, so long as she shall keep herself sole and unmarried. Residue of lands & goods to the said son John, whom I make sole Exor. My younger children, whom I have left unspoken of in this my Will, and left them wholly unto his discretion. In the presence of Thomas Snagge, N. Rotherham, William Dobson, Edmunde Rotherham, Hugh Rotherham. Proved 21 Decr. 1599, by John Rotherham. (P. C. C. 95 Kidd.)

WILLIAM STANTON, of Southill, 16 Aug. 1523. To be bur. in churchyard of Southill. Thomas, my brother, John Stanton my cousin, Agnes my wife, to be exors. Witnesses, Sir Richard Church, Vicar, John Stanton the younger, etc. Proved 17 Sept. 1523.

JOHN SHEPPARD, of Tilbrook, 29 Jan. 1557. To be bur. in the churchyard of Tilbrook. To John Maxie, father-in-law, my house; mentions Robert my son, Thomas my son, Agnes my da. Residue to Agnes his wife. Appoints her extrix., father-in-law John Maxe, John Byworth, & Will'm. Sam, supervisors. Proved 25 Feb. 1556 (sic).

MATTHEW STAUNTON, of Eversholt, yeoman, 16 Sept. 1557. To be bur. in church or churchyard of Eversholt. All his moveable goods to be divided into three equal parts; ⅓ to wife Anne, other 2 parts to his 4 children, Francis his eld. s., Mary and Lettice his daurs., & George his youngest s. Appoint as exors. Richard Sam, brother John Staunton bayly of Woburn, brother Thomas Staunton. Appoints exors. as is aforesaid (sic) Richard Borne, brothers John & Thomas Staunton; brother William to be overseer. Proved at Ampthill, 25 Oct. 1557.

ANCIENT CHARTERS, ETC.

(*Transcribed from the originals in the Editor's possession.*)

(CONTINUED FROM p. 205.)

PUTTENHOE, IN GOLDINGTON, 1447.

Sciant presentes & futuri quod ego Robertus Ratele de Stacheden dedi concessi & hac presenti carta mea indentata confirmaui Johanni Worsle de Potynho & Johanne uxori sue vnum tenementum & octodecim acras terre cum suis pertinenciis divisim jacentes in villa & in campis de Bedford' quorum dictum tenementum vocatum Tannerys scituatum est in parochia Sancti Petri de Merton' in Bedfordia predicta inter tenementum nuper Willelmi Barton ex parte boriali & quandam venellam ex parte australi & extendit se a regia via usque ad Sauernedych Dictarum vero acrarum terre decem acre simul jacent in le Buryfeld in predicta parochia Sancti Petri iuxta terram Rectoris Ecclesie Sancti Petrie ex parte occidentali Et due acre terre simul iacent in eodem campo subtus Clapham hyll inter terram Thome Kempster' ex parte orientali & terram Prioris & Conventus de Newenham ex parte altera Et sex acre terre iacent in eodem campo inter terram nuper Rogeri Dunstall ex parte orientali & terram nuper Johannis Muryell ex parte occidentali quequidem tenementum & terram cum suis pertinenciis nuper habui ex dimissione Johannis Bowl armigeri Roberti Wasselyn Johannis Cras Willelmi Bette & Thome Kempster' habendum & tenendum predicta tenementum & terram cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Worsle & Johanne vxori sue heredibus & assignatis suis De capitalibus dominis feodi illorum per seruicia inde debita & de jure consueta sub forma & condicione sequenti videlicet quod predictus Johannes Worsle & Johanna soluant seu solvi faciant michi prefato Roberto Ratele Aut meo certo attornato heredibus vel executoribus meis viginti libras sterlingorum bone & legale monete Anglie forma subscripta videlicet in festo Sancti Michaelis archangeli proximo futuro post datum presentium vel infra quindecim dies extunc proximo sequentes sex marcas Et in festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli extunc proximo sequenti vel infra quindecim dies sex marcas Et sic de anno in annum & festo in festum annuatim ad idem vel

infra quindecim dies sex marcas quousque predicte viginti libre plenarie persoluantur Et si defectus fiat in solucione dictarum viginti librarum in parte vel in toto contra formam predictam vel si predictus Johannes Worsle & Johanna uxor eius heredes vel assignati sui aliquod vastum vel vendicionem in et de predictis tenemento et terris cum pertinenciis fecerint seu unus eorum fecerit quousque predicte viginti libre michi prefato Roberto heredibus & executoribus meis plenarie fuerint persolute quod extunc bene licebit & liceat michi prefato Roberto heredibus & assignatis meis in omnia predicta tenementum & terras cum omnibus suis pertinenciis reintrare rehabere & possidere ac in postremo statu meo penes me retinere presenti carta indentata & seseina inde liberata in aliquo non obstantibus In cuius rei testimonium vni parti huius carte indentate penes prefatum Johannem Worsle & Johannam uxorem eius remanenti sigillum meum apposui alteri vero parti eiusdem carte penes me remanenti prefatus Johannes Worsle & Johanna uxor eius sigilla sua apposuerunt hiis testibus Thoma Kempston' tunc maiore ville Bedfordie Johanne Spery & Johanne Arthur' ballivis libertatis ville predicte Willelmo Hunte Roberto Colyer' & alijs Datum apud Bedfordiam predictam duodecimo die mensis maij anno regni Regis Henrici sexti post conquestum vicesimo quinto.

TURVEY, 1440.

Omibus xpi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum indentatum pervenerit Robertus Mordaunt de Turvey in Comitatu Bedfordie Armiger salutem in domino sempiternam. Noverit universitas vestra me prefatum Robertum in plena et pacifica seisina et possessione de & in manerijs meis in Turvey predicta vocatis Mordaunts maner & Ardes maner existens concessisse per presentes Johanni Hampden de Kymbell quemdam annualem redditum octo librarum perpiendum dictum annualem redditum dicto Johanni heredibus & assignatis suis de & in manerijs predictis Ac de & in omnibus terris & tenementis meis in Turvey predicta annuatim ad festum pasche & sancti Michaelis Archangeli equis porcionibus Et si contingat dictum annualem redditum octo librarum aretro fore in parte vel in toto post aliquod festum predictum per quindecim dies extunc ego predictus Robertus pro me et heredibus meis inperpetuum volo & concedo per presentes

quod bene licebit prefato Johanni heredibus & assignatis suis in predictis maneris terris & tenementis cum pertinentiis intrare & distringere & districciones que captas licite asportare effugare & in quocunque Comitatu ubi sibi magis placuerit impetrare & retinere quousque sibi de redditu predicto una cum arreragiis misis & expensis ea occasione habitis plenarie fuerit satisfactus & persolutus. Proviso semper quod si predictus Johannes Hampden ac Johannes Cheyne miles Robertus Whytyngham Johannes Hampden de Hampden Johannes Brekenok Edwardus Brudenell & Johannes Baldewyn heredes & assignati dicti Johannis Hampden de Kymbell ac heredes heredum eiusdem Johannis Hampden de Kymbell ac assignati assignatorum predictorum & heredes eorundem pacifice habeant & gaudeant omnia illa terras et tenementa redditus reversiones et servicia cum pertinenciis in hardewyke Wedon & Briddesthorne in Comitatu Buk' que unquam fuerunt mei prefati Roberti absque recuperacione ejeccione seu expulsione mei prefati Roberti aut Elizabethe uxoris mee aut heredum meorum seu alienjus nostrum seu alicujus alterius jus sive titulum de & in eisdem terris & tenementis redditibus reversionibus & serviciis cum pertinenciis in hardwyke Wedon et Briddesthorne predictis ante datum presentium habentis quod extunc dictus annualis redditus octo librarum omnino cesset & non sit levabilis Et in huius annualis redditus possessionem ego dictus Robertus deliberavi prefato Johanni unum denarium nomine seisine In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti scripto indentato sigillum meum apposui Datum die dominica proximo ante festum sancti Thome Apostoli Anno regni Regis henrici sexti post conquestum decimo nono.

KNIGHT AND OTHERS, OF CARLTON, CO. BEDFORD, 1729–1753.

BEING fully satisfied in my own mind that every scrap of information respecting family connexions is of interest to the genealogist, I have extracted the following notes from a Deed of Partition (very kindly lent to me by a friend), and send them to you for publication in the hope that they may prove of use to some of your readers.

SMITH, OF OLNEY, CO. BUCKS, 1729.

William Smith, late of Olney, Co. Bucks, Victualler, deceased. = Ann . . . . . of Olney, relict, 1729.

John Smith, of the parish of St. Sepulchres, in the City of London, Joyner, eldest son and heir apparent, 1729.

[*Note.*—These are mentioned in Deed of Partition as being parties, with Edward Knight, to Indentures of Lease and Release dated 6th and 7th June, 1729, relating to this property.]

KNIGHT, OF CARLTON, CO. BEDFORD.

From a Quadrupartite Deed of Partition of houses and land in Carlton, etc., dated 6th December, 1753.

Edward Knight, of Carlton, gent. = ... died on or about 22 March, 1752.

- . . . . . = Bithrey.
- Elizabeth, widow in 1753. Living 16 May, 1798. [See copy of M.I. below.]
- William = Kezia, of Skevington, of Turvey, gent.
- Thomas = Rebecca Craner, of Blunham, gent.
- Thomas = Mary. Ashton, of Carlton, labourer.

Richard Ashton, of Carlton, yeoman. Son and heir of his mother Mary, 1752.

[Mention is also made of Robert Knight "deceased," and John and William Knight "long since deceased."]

[A tombstone in the churchyard at Carlton bears this inscription:—

"Sacred to the Memory of
Elizabeth wife of
Thomas Bithrey Sen.,
who died Jan. 26th, 1800.
Aged 95 years."]

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ffISHER, OF CARLTON, CO. BEDS.

From the above Deed of Partition 1753.

Gidion ffisher, the elder, of Carlton, Esq. = Judith . . . . . .

Gidion ffisher, the younger, son and heir apparent.

[The ffishers are mentioned in 1753 as having formerly conveyed certain land "to John & William Knight, long since deceased."]

Names of persons, not previously mentioned, appearing in Deed of Partition 1753.

Bithrey, Mr. John,	Carlton.	Barns, Ann,	ffelmersham.
,, Mr. Thos.	,,	,, John,	,,
Costin, Mr. Nathaniel,	,,	Bost [?], Thomas,	,,
Dudley, Mr.	,,		
Eyles, Mr. John,	,,	Knott, James, gent., of	Sandy.
Hannah, William,	,,	Alston, Sir Rowland,	Steventon.
Lambert, Wm., gent.	,,	Boston, William,	,,
Parris, Wm.	,,	Bowyer, Edward,	,,
Peterborough, Rt. Hon. Hen.,		Bunney, William,	,,
Earl of,	,,	Coe, Thomas,	,,
Reynold, Mrs.	,,	Harris, James,	,,
Rudd, Gidion,	Carlton & Chellington.	Hide, or Hyde, John,	,,
Steff, Mr.	Carlton.	Lawrence, Thos.	,,
Tole [? Cole], Eliz. spinster,	,,	Page, Richard,	,,
Trevor, Rt. Hon. the Lord,	,,		
Ward, Isaac,	,,	Marsh, John } Witnesses.	
		Cavit, John }	

Appearing in an Indenture made 1772.

Brickwood, James, Carlton. Wooding, Thomas, labourer, Carlton.
Witnesses, Lovesey, Richd.
Willis, David, his clk.

[Most of the above are mentioned as being at some time either owners or occupiers of the property in question, or as owners or occupiers of adjoining property.]

T. W. SKEVINGTON.

Shipley, Yorks.

THE BEDFORD TOWN AND COUNTY GENERAL LIBRARY.

IN the first number of "Our Columns," being the Journal of the Bedford Literary and Scientific Institute and General Library, which appeared in March, 1891, there is an interesting paper by Mr. Thomas Gwyn Elger, F.R.A.S., on the "Old Bedford Library," from which we gather that as far back as the year 1700 the foundation of the present Library was laid; the Rev. Edward Bourne, Master and Rector of S. John's Hospital and Rectory, being the first Librarian and Custodian. This Library was kept in the Vestry of S. John's. In the British Museum, press-mark 11,901, bbb. 25, is "A Catalogue of Books in the Library at Bedford, the Foundation whereof was laid in the year 1700, by the Contributions of the

Gentry and Clergy, 1706, 4°, 39 pp," so runs the title of the catalogue. About the year 1708 the library was removed to fresh quarters in S. Paul's Square, till the year 1748, when it was again removed, this time to a room over the south porch of S. Paul's Church. Here the books appear to have suffered from damp and want of care, as is evidenced by the sadly damaged condition of a valuable "Horae" *ad usum Sarum*, London, 1524. Finally, in the year 1836 they found a more appropriate resting place in the present delightful reading room of the Literary and Scientific Institute. There are, in the British Museum, two other catalogues of the Library, viz.: "Catalogue of the Bedfordshire General Library, established in July, 1830," Bedford, MDCCCXXXVII., pp. 78, 8vo.; and "Supplement to the Catalogue, from the First of July, 1838, to the First of July, 1844." Bedford, MDCCCXLIV., pp. 26, 8vo., the press-marks of which are $\frac{11900\ cc\ 38}{1}$, and $\frac{11901\ aaa\ 31}{3}$. Another Catalogue was printed at Bedford in 1879, which I believe to be the latest. Some steps would appear to have been taken in the year 1829 to re-organize the Library, as is shown by a Prospectus which was issued that year, a copy of which is here given:

Bedford, December 14, 1829.

On Monday, December 7th, 1829, a Committee was formed to take preliminary measures for establishing a GENERAL PERMANENT LIBRARY for the TOWN and COUNTY of BEDFORD.

Names of the Committee.

Rev. Dr. Hunt.	Rev. Dr. Brereton.
Captain Smyth, R.N.	Sir William Long.
Rev. E. I. Lockwood.	Rev. Dr. Moore.
Rev. E. R. Williamson.	W. Thomas, Esq.
George Witt, Esq.	

At a Meeting of the Committee held this day, Rev. Dr. Hunt in the Chair,

IT WAS PROPOSED,

I. That a Society be established for the formation of a useful Library, both for Reference and Circulation, to be called "*The Bedford and Bedfordshire General Library.*"

II. That this Society consist not only of Annual Subscribers, but of Shareholders of Ten and of Five Guineas respectively, it being desirable that a fund should be forthwith raised to purchase a good stock of Books for the commencement of the Establishment.

III. That each Subscriber pay One Guinea annually in advance.

IV. That each holder of a Ten Guinea share shall be exempt from paying any Annual Subscription; and that a Five Guinea Shareholder's Annual Subscription be Half a Guinea.

V. That the whole property of the Library be vested in the Shareholders.

VI. That the Shares be transferable, and that there be no more than Fifty Shareholders.

VII. That on each transfer of a Ten Guinea Share, by gift, sale, or otherwise, the new holder shall subscribe Half a Guinea annually, and that the transfer of a Five Guinea Share shall be similarly subject to an Annual Subscription of Sixteen Shillings.

VIII. That no person hold more than one transferable Share.

IX. That the management of the Library be vested in a Committee of Thirteen Members, of whom Eight at least shall be Shareholders.

X. That the Committee be chosen at a General Annual Meeting, and that Six go out of office annually, who are to be ineligible to serve again for one year.

XI. That when the number of Shareholders shall amount to Twenty-five, and that of Annual Subscribers to One Hundred, a General Meeting shall be convened for the appointment of a Committee, to frame Rules and Regulations for the future management of the Library.

XII. That those Ladies and Gentlemen who wish to be Shareholders, or Annual Subscribers, be requested to leave their names with Mr. BITHREY at the Post Office, where a Book will be opened for that purpose.

A SIXTEENTH CENTURY INVENTORY.

THE following Inventory, though unfortunately incomplete, is of interest as giving the values of articles of husbandry some 300 years ago, and the equipment of a small farmer of that period. Many of the terms then in use are curious, such as *maunde*, a basket; *boulting house*, mixing house; *ballrybb*, now sparerib; *pyxe*, a box or bin; *bolles*, drinking vessels or bowls. It is also interesting to note the prices of farm produce, butter 3*d.* a pound, lambhogs 2*s.* 8*d.* each, bullocks 16*s.* 8*d.* apiece, as compared with the prices of to-day. The deceased's clothing is valued at 20*s.*, while his wife's is appraised at the more modest sum of 13*s.* 4*d.*

An Inventory of the goods and Chattells of Willm. Gutch, late of Eaton in ye dioc^e^ of Lyncoln husbandman decessed taken the xxix daye of Decemb^r^ in A^o^ dñi 1587 praysed by Henrye Marlebro gentillman Thomas Marcham Robte Wryghte John Kinge and Thomas Andrewe, &c.

In the Hall.

Itm̃ A table ij^o^ trestells a forme and a bench bord praysed at	iiij^s^	
Itm̃ a chaire at		x^d^
Itm̃ a spynninge whele at		x^d^
Itm̃ iij stooles at		iiij^d^
Itm̃ a bensshe at		iij^d^
Itm̃ viij peeces of pewter at	vj^s^	viij^d^
Itm̃ all the paynted clothes there at	iiij^s^	vj^d^

In the Chamber

Itm̃ ij^o^ bedstedds at	iij^s^	
Itm̃ iij coffers at	xj^s^	

Itm̃ a cou'let at	vj^{s}	viij^{d}
Itm̃ v paire of Sheets at	xx^{s}	
Itm̃ a Table clothe at	ij^{s}	vj^{d}
Itm̃ the paynted clothes in ye chmber	ij^{s}	vj^{d}
Itm̃ all his wearinge apparrell	xx^{s}	
Itm̃ his wieves apparrell also	xiij^{s}	iiij^{d}
Itm̃ ij^{o} shirts	ij^{s}	
Itm̃ all his weaved Lynnen at	iiij^{s}	

In the vpper chamber

Itm̃ all the fruyte in the chamber	ix^{s}	iiij^{d}
Itm̃ a chese at		vj^{d}
vj loves of bredd & iiij^{or} aple pastres		xvj^{d}
Itm̃ c^{r}tain bords there at		xij^{d}
Itm̃ iij^{li} of butter		ix^{d}
A dyshe and grease churn		iiij^{d}

In another chmber

Itm̃ iij lynnen wheeles & a paire of cards	ij^{s}	
Itm̃ all the woole there at	iij^{s}	iiij^{d}
Itm̃ all the hempe wth the slipp of yarne	vj^{s}	
Itm̃ a bedsteed a blankett & ij^{o} pyllowes		xx^{d}
Itm̃ a ladder at		xij^{d}

In the kitchen

Itm̃ iiij^{or} flytches of bakon a ballrybb and a chyne	xij^{s}	
Itm̃ all the brasse & the Iron wth a laver and a Candell stick	viij^{s}	

In the boultinge house

Itm̃ ij^{o} syves and a maunde a skeppe and a cloathe baskett at		xvj^{d}
Itm̃ a wasshinge fatte a frying panne a boultinge pyxe a wasshe tubb a skepp and ij^{o} sickles at	v^{s}	
Itm̃ vj bolles a clensynge dysshe ij^{o} chesfatts and a tankard at	iij^{s}	
Itm̃ xj dyshes at		vij^{d}

In the buttery

Itm̃ vj trenchers iiij^{or} spoones		iij^{d}
Itm̃ an Alestall wth ij bords and a tubb at Itm̃ ij^{o} bottells & old Iron at	iiij^{s}	

In Another chamber

Itm̃ a sickle at		vij^{d}
Itm̃ an Iron dragge & a wood dragge at	vj^{s}	
Itm̃ a bedstedd flex wth oth^{r} emplem^{ts}		viij^{d}
Itm̃ ij^{o} sacks at		xij^{d}

In the Stable

Itũ vij^{en} horses at	iiij^{li}	xiij^{s}	iiij^{d}
Itũ all the Carte geares ploughe geares and ij^{o} pannells at		viij^{s}	
Itũ geares aboute the hovell			xij^{d}

In the Yarde

Itũ a paire of wheeles a carte bodye a brake & whele barrowe and oth^{r} woode vnder the hovell wth a ploughe at		xiij^{s}	iiij^{d}
Itũ a shodde Carte at		xx^{s}	
Itũ a Teame and oth^{r} ploughe geares wth an old wheele at		v^{s}	
Itũ x hvrdells & oth^{r} old tymb^{r}			xx^{d}
Itũ an old Carte at		vj^{s}	viij^{d}
Itũ a shode Carte at		xl^{s}	
Itũ xxx^{tie} lamhoggs at ij^{s} viij a peece	iiij^{li}		
Itũ there are ij^{o} more wanting if they be founde to be of y^{t} value			
Itũ a market Carte bodye and an hurdell gate		iij^{s}	
Itũ x bullocks at	viij^{li}	vj^{s}	viij^{d}
Itũ all the hens in the yarde		vj^{s}	
Itũ iij hogges at		xxj^{s}	
Itũ xiiij^{en} store pigs at iij^{s} a peece		xlij^{s}	
Itũ the Strawe & hey in the barn		xxx^{s}	
Itũ a cocke of haye & another of strawe		xij^{s}	

An Old Toddington Custom.—I recollect when a boy, now some 40 or 50 years since, it was common to every child at Toddington, on hearing the bells at Chalgrave ringing for some joyous purpose, to catch up the refrain, as it were, in the following words, "Hang Frank Hall, his wife and all." Now, who Frank Hall or his wife were, or what their crime, if any, I am unable to say; but amongst some antiquated fragments of memoranda, etc., I lately received from Toddington, I found one piece (now worn in two) which I should imagine the Hall family wrote, and I have no doubt that they also belonged to Toddington.

"Mary ye Daughter of Francis & Sarah Hall born on Monday March ye 18, 1757, & bap. April ye 27, 1757, & departed this life on Monday July 18th, 1757. George,

Son of Francis & Sarah Hall born on Monday, July 14th, 1755, & bap. ye 28 Day of ye same month & departed this life Decr 28 in ye same year 1755. Sarah, Daughter of Francis & Sarah Hall born on—" (the paper has been clipped off through the following line and is unreadable, but on the other side is) " Francis, Son of Francis & Sarah Hall, Born on the 13 day of November in the year 1762. Sarah My Wife Departed this Life on Friday morning about 2 o clock on ye 6 Day of Sepr in 1765."

I add that Hall has not been a name in Toddington in my recollection, and probably they belonged to Chalgrave.

W. Horley.

An Early Locally-Printed Book.—Mr. F. Hockliffe, of this Town, recently presented me with a small volume of which the title-page runs thus :

"*Vindiciae Veraе Pietatis* | OR | Evangelical-Sanctification | truly Stated and Vindicated : | And the Common Mistakes of | Many Detected. | By JOHN HUNT, Minister | of the Gospel, in Newport-Pagnel. | Matt. 24, 15. *Whoso Readeth let him Under-* | *stand.* | 1 Tim. 4, 8. *But Godliness is Profitable unto* | *all things ; having a Promise of the Life that* | *now is, and of that which is to come.* | Printed at *Milton-Ernis*, near BEDFORD ; | by *U. Robinson*, and Sold by *John Wilcox*, at | the *Green-Dragon* in *Little Britain*, and | *Richard Ford* at the *Angel* in the *Poultry*, | LONDON, 1719.

The book consists of vi pp. of introductory matter, and the body of the work of 168 pp.

It is not a little curious that there should have been, 172 years ago, a press at Milton Erneys, or Ernest, as it is now spelt, a small village about five miles from Bedford, on the road to Higham-Ferrers. In 1801 the parish contained only 300 inhabitants, and in 1719 the population would probably be smaller.

This is the earliest book printed in this County that I have come across, and it would be interesting to learn whether any more publications issued from this press, and also if anything is known of U. Robinson, who appears to have worked it.

Queries.

BOGATZKY'S GOLDEN TREASURY, ED. 1773.—I am in search of a copy of the above work, which seems to have been *privately printed* by the philanthropist John Thornton *about the year* 1773. The Rev. John *Berridge* was then Vicar of *Everton*, and engaged in a wide circuit of evangelistic preaching. From his "Whole Works," 2nd ed. 1864, I learn (Letters to Mr. John Thornton) that Mr. J. T., before April 3, 1773, had submitted to Mr. B. some Papers of his own, which stand now in the current edition of the "Golden Treasury." Mr. B. criticizes these (whether the Papers were already printed or not does not appear). Next, Aug. 18, 1773, Mr. Berridge writes: . . . "I have just received *your Golden Treasury* . . . . . It is much improved in its present dress" (binding, I presume). *On Aug.* 31, 1773: "A hundred G. T.'s are . . . received." "In reading over *your G. T.* I found *the same Paper, with a little addition, in Nov.* 5 *and Dec.* 12*th.*" [This is a peculiarity which will identify the edition.] Sept. 25, 1773: "The G. T.'s are dispersed among my flock, some in one town & some in another." Apr. 11, 1775: "I have rec^d . . . 100 Treasuries." There is no ed. of 1773 in the British Museum. The privately printed G. T., which Mr. Thornton interleaved and sent (in 1788) to Mr. Berridge for his criticisms, is dated 1775. I cannot but think that many copies of the edition described above must have been treasured in Beds, Cambs, Hunts, etc. I am engaged on a reprint of Mr. Thornton's G. T., with Mr. Berridge's notes and emendations, and greatly desire to see the edition of 1773. CHAS. P. PHINN.

25, *Kildare Terrace, Bayswater, London, W.*

WILLIAM MATHER.—Enquiry is being made for the National Dictionary of Biography respecting Wm. Mather. He appears to have joined the Society of Friends in 1661. He brought out "The Young Man's Companion" in 1681; was a schoolmaster in Bedford and surveyor of highways, and published a pamphlet on highways in 1696. He re-joined the Established Church in 1700. Can any one help with any particulars of this person, especially date and place of his birth and his death? His name does not appear in Mr. Blaydes's "Genealogia," nor in the Goodhall MSS. at the Library.

BEDFORDSHIRE

NOTES AND QUERIES.

SIR WILLIAM HARPER, KT.

(Vol. iii. p. 1.)

My attention has recently been called by the Rev. Vernon Holt (O.B.), Rector of Lansallos, in Cornwall, to a pedigree of the Thorne family on p. 160 of "The Visitation of Gloucestershire, 1623," edited by the Harleian Society, which may perhaps afford a clue to the further elucidation of the history of the Harper family, of which so little appears to be known. Mention of Edward Thorne had been made, both by Mr. Cary-Elwes and myself in previous articles on Sir William Harper which have appeared in this work, but nothing further concerning this Edward Thorne had been discovered until Mr. Holt drew my attention to the above-mentioned visitation, from which I have extracted sufficient to illustrate the subject-matter of this article. The portion extracted is printed in Roman characters, the italics represent additions made by myself. There can be, I think, no doubt that the Sr. William Harpur mentioned in the pedigree and our Sr. William are identical. We know from the Deed of Gift, dated 20 April, 1566, by which Sr. William endowed the Grammar School in this Town, that his then wife's name was Alice, and we have, further, the record of her burial at S. Mary Woolnoth, on 15 Oct. 1569, but of her maiden name nothing was known. Mr. Cary-Elwes (*Bedf. N. and Q.*, vol. i. p. 32) says that it was Tomlinson, but gives no authority for his statement. From the pedigree on the next page it would appear that she was one of the

Robert Thorne, of Bristoll. *Will pr.* 6 *July*. 1519 (*P.C.C. Ayloffe* 19). = Jone, d. of John Wytheypolle. *Will pr.* 16 *May*, 1523 (*P.C.C. Bodfelde* 8).

- Thomas Jackman, = Alice *Thorne, bur. at S. Mary Woolnoth*. 15 *Oct.* 1569. *dead in* 1532, 1*st husb.*
- Sr Will'm Harpur, Knight. 2*nd husb. m. before* 1546. *ment*d. *in wills of Brothers-in-law, Robt. and Nich. Thorne.*
- Robert sanz yssu 1 sonn. *Mcht. Taylor of London. Will dated* 17 *May, pr.* 10 *Oct.* 1532.*
- Nicholas Thorne, = Mary, d. of Roger Wigston, of Wolverton, in com. Warr. 2 sonn. *Will dated* 4 *Aug., pr.* 15 *Oct.* 1546.*
  - Edward Thorne, = *Margt.* da. of . . . . . = Will'm Harpur, Knight, 2 husband.† *Born* c. 1496, *Master of the Mercht. Taylors' Company, July*, 1553. *Kt.* 13 *Feb.* 1556. *Ob.* 27 *Feb.* 1573. *Will dated* 27 *Oct.* 1573. *pr.* 6 *Apr.* 1574 (*P.C.C. Martyn* 14).
    - *m. circa* 1575. *Will dated* 19 *Jun. pr.* 20 *Feb.* 1582.
    - *Leedare, or Lethers, m.l. dat.* 13 *Sep.* 1570. *Married for her* 3*rd husband Edward Maxie, of Orsett, co. Essex. Licence dated* 4 *Sep.* 1583. *m. at S. Alban's Abbey*, 28 *Sep.* 1583.
    - *William, bapt. at S. Mary Woolnoth*, 29 *Mar.* 1576. *Bur. there* 30 *Mar.* 1576.

* "Bristol Wills," ed. T. P. Wadley, M.A., Bristol, 1886, pp. 180, 184.

† This is clearly an error, as Sr. Wm. Harper was m. in 1570 to Margaret Leedare, or Lethers, and her m. with Edward Thorne did not take place till about 1574 or 1575.

daughters of Robert Thorne, of Bristol, by Jone, his wife, daughter of John Wythipool, and that she was the widow of Thomas Jackman. Now the wills of Robert Thorne and Nicholas Thorne, brothers of Alice Thorne, printed in "Bristol Wills," edited by the Rev. T. P. Wadley, M.A., Bristol, 1886, both mention William Harper; Robert Thorne bequeaths to him the sum of £10, and Nicholas Thorne speaks of him in his will, dated 1546, as "William Harpar my brother-in-law," and leaves him "a goune wherof the foreparte is lyned wt damaske a Jacket of tawny damaske a goun furred wt boge," etc., and £10 in money, and to "my Sister his wif" £10, also "a ring wt a dyamount and more a ring wt an esmyrall and a ring wt a ruby," etc. The extracts from these wills thus confirm the relationship between the Thorne and Harper families, as set forth in the pedigree. We also learn from the will of Robert Thorne that he was a member of the Merchant Taylors' Company, as was also Sr. William Harper, and possibly this fact may have led to his becoming acquainted with the Thorne family. Although the brass to Sir William Harper, in S. Paul's Church, Bedford, states that he was born at Bedford, I have always had my doubts whether his ancestors lived in the county, and all we know of them is that his father's name was William. Now on p. 95 of the last quoted work is an abstract of the will of John Sutton, burgess of Bristol, dated 1415, in which mention is made of a William Harper, who held for life a tenement in Templestreet, the rent of which testator bequeaths to his wife Joan. There is also a bequest to Thomas, s. of John Harper of "Chilmeley," wherever that may be. I mention these facts for what they are worth, and as perhaps affording a possible clue to the history of the Harper family.

The brass above-mentioned also gives the Christian name of Sr. William's last wife, viz. Margaret, and in his will he mentions Richard Lethers, "my wife's brother." That this was the surname of his second wife is supported by the Bishop of London's Marriage Certificates (*Bedf. N. and Q.* vol. i. p. 32), where the licence for Sr. William Harper to marry Margaret Leedare is given. Who she was I have been unable to discover. On p. 3 *ante* we have it on record that Edward Thorne married Lady Harker (clearly a misprint for Harper), consequently it is safe to assume that the nameless lady assigned in the

pedigree as the wife of Edward Thorne was none other than Margaret Lethers, or Leedare, the widow of Sir William Harper, his uncle by marriage! As I am writing I take the opportunity of stating that there are two coats of arms connected with Sir William Harper which I am unable to identify—one, a shield formerly on the brass in S. Paul's, in this Town—Per chevron argent and gules, three trefoils slipped counterchanged, on a chief or as many martlets of the second; the other on the sinister side of the seal of the "Masters, Governors and Trustees of the Bedford Charity," of which an engraving is given on p. 7 *ante*—chequy or and azure, a fess argent fretty gules. I have searched Papworth in vain for them.

F. A. BLAYDES.

OLD NOTES OF BEDFORD AND BEDFORDSHIRE.

From the *Northampton Mercury* of the last century:—

"1731. Sheriff, Beds., George Blundel, Esq."

Monday, March 20th, 1732.—"On Wednesday and Thursday, the 29th and 30th of this instant March, a Main of Cocks will be fought at the White Swan Inn, in Bedford, where will be an Ordinary each day."

Monday, April 3rd, 1732.—"Whitehall, Dec. 11th, 1731. —Whereas on Tuesday, the 30th November last, in the night time, between the hours of Ten and Twelve, the Dwelling-house of Thomas Page, Esq., at Battlesden, in the County of Bedford, was attempted to be broke open by four persons unknown; and on Friday, the 3rd instant, between the hours of Seven and Eight in the Evening, Samuel Lenton, a servant of the same Mr. Page's, was fired at when he was in his Master's Brewhouse adjoining to the same Dwelling-house, through a hole in the wall, and was in danger of being killed, the bullet taking off two buttons from his waistcoat; which attempt upon the same Samuel Lenton was supposed to have been made, by one of the four persons above mentioned, in revenge for his having discharged a blunderbuss from the Window of the House at the time it was endeavoured to be broken

open, as aforesaid, and thereby wounded, as he imagined, one or more of the said four persons. His Majesty, for the better detecting of the persons concerned in such villainous and wicked actions, is pleased to promise his most gracious pardon, to any one of them, who shall discover his Accomplice or Accomplices (except the person who fired at the same Samuel Lenton) so as they, or any of them, be apprehended and convicted thereof. HARRINGTON.—And as a further Encouragement, the said Thomas Page does hereby promise a reward of Fifty Pounds to the person or persons making such discovery (except the person who fired at the same Samuel Lenton), and bringing the Criminals to Justice as aforesaid.—THOS. PAGE."

Monday, April 28th, 1735 (No. 2).—"Thomas Edwards, of the Bell at Bedford, Sells the best Neat Red and White Port, Mountain, and Sherrey, at six shillings per Gallon, Where all Gentlemen may be furnished with Hampers and Bottles at prime Cost. The money will be allow'd for the Bottles if returned. French Brandy and Rum, neat as imported, at Nine Shillings per Gallon."

"To be disposed of, at Bedford, a very Good Shop of Drapery Goods, by Wholesale or Retail, the Stock of Mr. Alderman Haselwood, deceased. Also the House and Shop to be Lett, to the person that buys the Goods. The Shop is an ancient Draper's Shop, and a very good Custom belongs to it; and it is very well situated, being under the Town Hall. Enquire at the said Shop, or at Mr. Thomas Edwards's, at the Bell, in Bedford, and known further. Note—There is a very good Conveniency for the Wool Business."

Monday, Aug. 18th, 1735 (No. 18).—"All persons who are pleased to deal with Mr. Thos. Cave, or Mr. Robert Battison, Merchants, in Bedford, are desired to take Notice, That they have each of them hired convenient Wharfs in Cauldwell Street, in the said Town, being out of the Turnpike Road, and as commodious for any persons coming from Ampthill, Woobourn, Hockliffe, Dunstable, Leighton, Brickhill, Fenny-Stratford, &c., as any other Wharf in the Town; the lane leading to the same being very near the back gate of the White Hart Inn, where care will be taken that all the Customers of either of the said Merchants shall meet with good Entertainment for their Servants and Horses."

The following passages are from the *London Chronicle* for 1766:—

Page 70.—Last Wednesday sennight died, at his seat at Shidlingtonbury, in Bedfordshire, John Briscoe, Esq. He has left his real estates in Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Hampshire and Kent, to the Right Hon. the Earl of Sussex. After paying some legacies, and purchasing some annuities to old servants, he has directed the residue of his personal estate to be applied to the use of St. George's Hospital and the Westminster Infirmary.

Page 298.—Wednesday last the kiln-house, belonging to Mr. Lloyd's tan-yard, at Luton in Bedfordshire, took fire, and the flames soon spread, and consumed two or three other buildings.

Page 330.—On Tuesday last a man went voluntarily before a Magistrate at Bedford, and owned himself an accomplice in the murder of a gardener at Sutton, near Potton, in Bedfordshire, some months ago; he owns that he worked with the said gardener, and got one of his confederates into the house, who dispatched the gardener with a mallet, whilst another searched the house for a sum of money, which he missed: proper persons have been dispatched to apprehend the two others.

Page 358.—Last week died the Rev. Mr. Reddall, M.A., Vicar of Kempston, in Bedfordshire, and Chaplain to the Duke of Bedford.

Page 362.—A few days ago died John Godfrey, Esq., of Harrold, in Bedfordshire.

On Friday last Mrs. Johnson, many years housekeeper to the Duke of Bedford, fell down as she was walking across a room, broke one of her thighs in a terrible manner, and died on Monday.

Page 366.—They write from Sutton, near Potton, in Bedfordshire, that the man (who, a few days ago, went voluntarily before a Magistrate at Bedford town, and acknowledged himself to be concerned in the murder of a gardener at the first mentioned place, and accused two other persons as his accomplices in the said murder) had been again examined and confronted with the two men, when he greatly prevaricated, and at length owned that he committed the murder by himself, and that no other person knew anything of the matter. He further added, that his conscience perpetually accused him, and that he

had no rest till he had made a true confession of the above horrid fact, on which he was sent to Bedford gaol, and the two men were set at liberty.

Page 378.—Mr. Marshall, of Biggleswade, who last Monday undertook to ride his pony to London and back again in twelve hours, performed it in ten hours and a half, including better than half an hour he staid at Islington to refresh, and baiting several times on the road. He has since offered £100 that the pony with its own weight, comes from Biggleswade (forty-five miles) in three hours.

Page 550.—Last week a gentlewoman, at Potton, in Cambridgeshire [Bedfordshire], possessed of a considerable estate, hanged herself.

Gleanings from Parish Registers.

(Continued from p. 238.)

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Baptisms.

1567	Mar.	27	**Eston**, Andrew, s. of Wm.
,,	Feb.	23	**Eston**, Thos., s. of Wm.
1568	Mar.	21	**Dillingham**, Christopher, s. of Wm.
,,	Aug.	15	**Dillingham**, Francis, s. of Walter.
,,	Nov.	20	**Foxe**, Thomasin, d. of Chr.
1569	May	6	**Eston**, Eliz'th, d. of Wm.
,,	Dec.	25	**Dillingham**, Judith, d. of Thos.
1570	Aug.	1	**Eston**, Nicholas, s. of Wm.
,,	Oct.	3	**Dillingham**, Thos., s. of Gualter.
,,	Dec.	30	**Foxe**, Thos., s. of Christr.
1572	Oct.	20	**Eston**, Eliz'th., d. of Wm.
,,	Mar.	1	**Dillingham**, Eliz'th., d. of Wm.
,,	Aug.	3	**Neale**, Margret, d. of Wm.
,,	Oct.	17	**Dillingham**, Humphrey, s. of Robert.
,,	Mar.	15	**Eston**, Francis, s. of Wm.
1573	May	21	**Dillingham**, Thomasin, d. of Gualter.
,,	Mar.	7	**Eston**, Abraham, s. of Wm.

* Transcribed from a copy of the Registers taken by B. H. Beedham, some years ago. There appears to be some confusion in the dates, but I have given them as I found them.—Ed.

1574	Apr.	—	**Dillingham**, Gualter, s. of Wm.
,,	June	9	**Dillingham**, Alice, d. of Margery.
,,	Jan.	9	**Fox**, John, s. of Chr.
1575	Apr.	—	**Neale**, Elener, d. of Wm.
,,	May	15	**Dillingham**, Thos., s. of Rt.
,,	Aug.	5	**Beales**, Richard, s. of Mrs. Mary.
,,	Aug.	21	**Eston**, George, s. of Wm.
1576	Feb.	2	**Dillingham**, Elizabeth, d. of Gualter.
,,	Feb.	2	**Dillingham**, Esther, d. of Gualter.
,,	Feb.	12	**Dillingham**, George, s. of William.
,,	Apr.	21	**Dillingham**, Andrew, s. of Robert.
,,	Oct.	14	**Eston**, Thomas, s. of Wm.
,,	Mar.	17	**Fox**, Susanna, d. of Chr.
1577	June	29	**Neale**, Katherine, d. of Wm.
,,	Sep.	6	**Neale**, Brigetta, d. of Thos.
1578	Nov.	8	**Neale**, Frances, d. of John, gent.
1579	Mar.	1	**Neale**, Grace, d. of Thos., gent.
,,	Apr.	16	**Dillingham**, John, s. of Gualter.
,,	July	8	**Dillingham**, Christopher, s. of Robert.
,,	Nov.	22	**Foxe**, Oliver, s. of Christ^{r}.
,,	Feb.	21	**Eston**, Susanna, d. of Wm.
1580	Oct.	7	**Neale**, Frances, d. of Thos., gent.
1581	Dec.	6	**Eston**, Anne, d. of Henry.
,,	Dec.	9	**Neale**, Thos., s. of Thos.
1583	Mar.	1	**Dillingham**, Thos., s. of Robt.
1584	Sep.	13	**Eston**, Briggette, d. of Henry.
,,	Sep.	20	**Foxe**, Mary, d. of Christ^{r}.
1586	July	18	**Neale**, John, s. of Mr. Thos.
,,	June	6	**Dillingham**, Mary, d. of Rob.
,,	Oct.	1	**Neale**, Peter, s. of Thos., gent.
1587	Nov.	24	**Eston**, Wm., s. of Richard.
,,	May	5	**Foxe**, Susan, d. of Christ^{r}.
1589	Feb.	8	**Eston**, Briggette, d. of Richard.
1590	Sep.	6	**Gray**, Timothy, s. of Gualter.
1592	Mar.	5	**Foxe**, Christopher, s. of Christ^{r}.
,,	Mar.	6	**Eston**, Margaret, d. of Richd.
,,	July	3	**Dillingham**, John, s. of Henry.
1594	May	5	**Dillingham**, Katherine, d. of Henry.
,,	Nov.	3	**Eston**, Sarah, d. of Richd.
1596	Feb.	8	**Farline**, Peter and Paul, sons of Oliver, of Molesworth, gent.
,,	Mar.	21	**Dillingham**, Ellen, d. of Henry.
,,	Aug.	22	**Neale**, Paul, s. of Mr. Thos.
1598	Oct.	8	**Dillingham**, Thomas, s. of Henry.
1600	Mar.	30	**Dillingham**, Henry, s. of John, the elder.
,,	Oct.	26	**Russell**, John, s. of James, gent.
1601	Oct.	25	**Dillingham**, Anne, d. of Henry.
1607	May	31	**Jackman**, Joseph, s. of Mr. Robert.

1607	Aug.	30	**Foxe**, Alice, d. of John.
1611	Oct.	13	**Foxe**, Anne, d. of Oliver.
1613	Sep.	12	**Foxe**, Thomas, s. of Oliver.
1615	Mar.	27	**Foxe**, Alice, d. of Christr.
,,	May	28	**Foxe**, Nathaniel, s. of Oliver
1616	Mar.	31	**Foxe**, Martha, d. of Christr.
1617	Apr.	6	**Foxe**, John, s. of Oliver.
1618	Feb.	28	**Foxe**, Martha, d. of Christr.
1619	June	13	**Foxe**, William, s. of Oliver.
1621	May	6	**Foxe**, Christopher, s. of Christr.
,,	July	15	**Foxe**, Sarah, d. of Oliver.
1622	Aug.	4	**Eston**, Marye, d. of Wm.
1623	Aug.	10	**Foxe**, Christopher, s. of Oliver.
1624	Dec.	26	**Foxe**, Robert, s. of Oliver.
,,	Mar.	13	**Eston**, John, s. of Wm.
1626	Dec.	17	**Foxe**, Alice, d. of Oliver.
1628	June	22	**Eston**, Robert, s. of Robert.
1633	Apr.	28	**Dillingham**, Martha, d. of Thos., jun.
,,	June	9	**Bendishe**, Elizabeth, d. of Mr. Wm.
,,	June	23	**Cooche**, John, s. of Mr. John.
1634	Sep.	21	**Eston**, Anne, d. of Robert
1636	Apr.	17	**Dillingham**, Sarah, d. of Thos., jun.
,,	Aug.	24	**Dillingham**, Margaret, d. of John and Mary.
,,	Sep.	11	**Eston**, Thos., s. of Robert and Dorothy.
,,	Sep.	11	**Dillingham**, Sarah, d. of John and Sarah.
,,	Oct.	12	**Neale**, Jonathan, s. of Paul and Eliz.
,,	Nov.	20	**Moore**, John, s. of John, Minister.
,,	Feb.	5	**Dillingham**, John, s. of Christr and Alice.
1637	Aug.	6	**Norton**, Thos., s. of Thos. and Grace.
1638	Jan.	20	**Easton**, Thos., s. of Thos. and Dorothy.
1640	Mar.	14	**Easton**, Eliz'th, d. of Thos. and Dorothy.
1641	July	25	**Dillingham**, Theos. s. of John and Sarah.
,,	Oct.	24	**Dillingham**, Mary, d. of Theos. and Martha.
1643	July	2	**Dillingham**, Thos., s. of Theos. and Martha.
,,	Oct.	27	**Dillingham**, Rebeccah, d. of John and Sarah.
1644	Apr.	2	**Pomfret**, Peter, s. of Peter and Mary.
1645	May	14	**Dillingham**, Joseph, s. of Geo. and Sarah.
1646	June	29	**Eston**, Mary, d. of Robt. and Dorothy.
1648	Nov.	12	**Pomfret**, Mary, d. of Peter.
1649	Mar.	24	**Perrott**, Samuel, s. of Robt.
1650	Feb.	27	**Neale**, Noah, s. of Noah.
,,	Mar.	23	**Fox**, Eliz., d. of Christr.
1651	Mar.	6	**Pomfret**, Eliz., d. of Peter.
,,	Sep.	24	**Neale**, Henry, s. of Mr. John and Anna.
1652	Oct.	3	**Dillingham**, Isaacke, s. of John and Sarah.
1653	Dec.	3	**Perrot**, Susanna, d. of Mr. Robert.
,,	Feb.	12	**Leach**, Dorrity, d. of Mr. Richd. and Sarah.
1654	Aug.	28	**Fox**, Robert, s. of Christr.

1655	July	22	**Foxe,** Thos. s. of Christr. and Alice.
1656	Sep.	28	**Foxe,** Sarah, d. of Christr. and Alice.
1664	Apr.	14	**Foxe,** Christr., s. of Christr.
1666	Dec.	18	**Foxe,** John, s. of Christr.
1668	Mar.	10	**Foxe,** Thos., s. of Christr.
1669	Sep.	19	**Dillingham,** Sarah, d. of Thos. and Sarah.
1670	Jan.	8	**Foxe,** Grace, d. of Christr. and Grace.
1673	Aug.	13	**Foxe,** Martha, d. of Mr. Christr.
1685	June	29	**Dillingham,** Anne, d. of John and Eliz.
1686	June	1	**Fox,** Frances, d. of Robt. and Mary.
1686	Sep.	8	**Dillingham,** John, s. of John and Eliz.
1687	Dec.	14	**Fox,** Sarah, d. of Robt. and Mary.
1689	Jan.	2	**Fox,** Christr., s. of Robt. and Mary.
1690	Oct.	8	**Leach,** Eliz., d. of Theophilus and Mary.
1691	Apr.	16	**Fox,** Thos., s. of Robt. and Mary.
,,	July	19	**Boundy,** Thos., s. of Peter and Milicent.
1693	June	20	**Boundy,** Eliz., d. of Peter and Milicent.
1694	May	20	**Boundy,** Peter, s. of Peter and Milicent.
,,	Sep.	4	**Fox,** Mary, d. of Robert and Mary.
1697	Mar.	24	**Leach,** Sarah, d. of Theos. and Mary.
1699	Jan.	24	**Fox,** Grace, d. of Robert, yeoman, and Mary.

Monumental Inscriptions.

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EVERTON.

Against the N. wall at the upper end of the middle Isle of the Church—

Arms—Party per pale Az. and Gu. an escallop Or.—Winch.

Crest—An escallop party per fess Or. and Arg.

Under an arch the upper part of a man in Robes holding in his left hand a book—several figs. above, and on each side—

QUALIS VITA *RELIGIOSE VIXIT*
FINIS ITA *SIC PROCURUIT*

"In memory of Sr. Humphrey Winche alias De la Winche Kt. who in the 4th year of King James Ano. Dni.

1606 was sent by him to serve in Ireland first as chief Baron after as Chief Justice and Councillor of State for that Kingdome from whence recalled he served his Majesty as one of his Justices, untill an Apoplexye seised on him in his Roabes the 4th of February 1624 in the 71th year of his age whereof he about 24 hours after died in Chancery Lane London whose Corpse embalmed was brought downe and buried heareby. He took to wife CICELY one of the daughters of RICH^D. ONSLOWE alias Gondeslowe Esqr. Sollicitor Generall to Queene Elizabeth by whome he had issue 2 sones and 3 daughters (viz.) ONSLOWE, HUMPHRY, MARG^T. HELLĒ, & DOROTHY. Humphry, Marg^t. & Hellen died in their infancy—his wife Dame Cicely with Onslowe & Dorothy surviving him—Onslowe married Judith only daughter of ROGER BURGOINE of Sutton Esqr. Dorothy married to GEORG SCOTT of Hauckhurst in the County of Kent Esqr."

(*Lansd. MS.* 887, *fo.* 97.)

EVERTON.—"Here lay the earthly Remains of JOHN BERRIDGE late Vicar of Everton, and an itinerant Servant of Jesus Christ, who loved his Master and his Work, and after running on his Errands many Years was called up to wait on him above. Reader, art thou born again?
No Salvation without a new Birth.
I was born in Sin Feb^y, 1716
Remained ignorant of my fallen State till 1730
Lived proudly on Faith & Works for Salvation till 1754
Admitted to Everton Vicarage 1755.
Fled to Jesus alone for Refuge 1756.
Fell asleep in Christ Jany 22^d, 1793."

EYWORTH.*

In the chancel, on the South fide, under an arch richly ornamented with armorial bearings, and fupported by Corinthian pillars of beautiful marble of various colours, lies Sir Edmond Anderfon in his robes, and his lady in the drefs of the time. On the tombs below are two fons and four daughters, kneeling.

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Over them is this inſcription :

"Here lieth the bodies of Sir Edmond Anderſon, knt. Lord Chief Juſtice of the court of Comon Pleas 24 years and a half; and Dame Magdalen his wife, daughter of Chriſtoper Smith, eſq. They had iſſue three ſons and ſix daughters; viz. Edmond, who married Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Inkpenn, eſq, and died without iſſue; Sir Francis Anderſon, knt. married, firſt, Judith, daughter of Sir Stephen Some, knt. and after Audrey, daughter of Sir John Bottiler, knt. and bart.; and William Anderſon, who married firſt Johana, daughter of Thomas Eſſex, eſq. and after Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Darnell, knt. The two eldeſt daughters died yonge; and Margaret, the third daughter, married to Sir Thomas Monſon, knt. and bart. Katherine, married to Sir George Booth, knt. and bart.; Greſill, married to Sir John Sheſield, knt. eldeſt ſonne of Edmond Lord Sheffield; and Elizabeth, married to Sir Hatton Farmor, knt. The ſaid Sir Edmond dyed the firſt of Auguſt 1605, being 74 years and upwards of age. And the ſaid Dame Magdalyn departed this life the 9th of January 1622, being 79 years and upwards of age."

On the North ſide of the chancel is an elegant monument, with the effigies of a man in armour, kneeling between two ladies, with this inſcription over them :

"Here lieth the Bodye of Sir Francis Anderſon, late of Eyworth, in the county of Bedford, knt. ſon and heire of Sir Edmond Anderſon, knt. late Lord chief juſtice of his Majeſties courte of Comon Pleas at Weſtminſter; who was firſt married to Judith, daughter of Sir Stephen Soame, knt. and Alderman of London, by whom he had iſſue two ſons. And afterwards married to Audry, daughter of Sir John Buttler of Hatfield Woodhall, in the county of Hartford, knt. by whom he had iſſue 1 ſon and 2 daughters. The ſaid Sir Francis departed this tranſitorie life the 22d day of December, Anno Dom. 1616, in whoſe facred memorie the ſaid Lady Anderſon erected this monument at her own p'per coſt and charges."

On a lofty monument of white marble, richly gilt and decorated, ſtands the figure of a man and woman in the dreſs of the time, each with their left hands on their breaſt, and holding in their right hands a heart between them, inſcribed, "To God, 1638;" and over the heart a crown,

inſcribed, "Ex gratia mei debito." Over them, on a ſlab of black marble, this inſcription:

"Theſe liv'd in that they lov'd,
God made them one;
He dies, and thus diſolv'd
Loe ſhe is none.
Delay not then till fate
Shall ſtop her breath,
To tell what day ſhe died,
His was her death.

"In the ſepulchre of his fathers, towards the upper end of the chancel on the North ſide, lyeth buried the body of Edmond Anderſon, eſq. eldeſt ſonne and heire of Sir Francis Anderſon, knt. grand-ſonne of Sir Edmond Anderſon, ſometime Lord chief juſtice of the Common Pleas. He married Alice, the ſole daughter and heire of Sir John Conſtable, late of Dromanby, in the countie of York, knt. by whom he had iſſue onely one daughter, named Dorothy. He all his time truly profeſſed and conſtantly adhered to the true and uncorrupted fayth of Chriſt Jeſus, and as he held the unitie of the ſpirit with the church, ſo alſo the bond of perfect peace, love and charitie with men. In ſumme he ſo liv'd here on earth, as juſtly argues to all the world, that God who gave him that grace hath received him to mercy; to which he went on the 4th of April, Anno Dom. 1638; leaving behind him the ſaid daughter aged 7 years and a half, and his wife a ſorrowfull widow, who with him hath intomb'd her heart, and hath pledg [* here follows a long eraſure], dedicating this ſmall monument to his dear and love'd memorie, which in the meane time ſhe ſadly contemplates."

Over the man, "Morte ſeparati;" over the woman, "Tamen in Deo convenimus." Under the man, "Veni; domine Jeſu, cito veni:" under the woman, "Quamvis incumbo, tamen vocante magiſtro reſurgam."

On a ſmall monument, on the South ſide of the chancel, is this inſcription:

"Here lieth the body of Magdallena Gadbury, the ſole and only daughter of Richard Gadbury, of Eyworth, gentleman,

* Tradition ſays that the lady made a ſolemn vow never to take a ſecond huſband, and had the vow recorded on the monument; but very ſoon after his death married again, and ordered the inſcription to be erased.

and of Margaret Gadbury his ſecond wife; which ſaid Magdallena Gadbury lived the age of 5 years and 7 days. She departed this tranſitorie life, the 16th day of February, in the year of our Lord God 1618, in whoſe ſacred memorie the aforeſaid Richard Gadbury, her father, hath erected this monument.

"Chriſt is to both in life and death advantage.

"For as in Adam all dye, even ſo in Chriſt ſhall all be made alive."

Arms. Gules, a croſs Or, between four goats heads craſed, Ar.

The following inſcriptions are on the floor.

On a black marble ſtone, plated with braſs, is engraved a man, woman, and child, with this inscription:

"Here lieth the bodye of Richard Gadbury, late of Eyworth, gentleman, together with Margaret, daughter of Thomas Anderſon, late of Caſtlethorpe in Lyncolneſhire, eſq. his ſecond wife, who left unto certain feoffes in truſt for the perpetual benefit of the poor of Eyworth, ſix acres of arable land lying in the fields of Wreſtlingworth, and 8 acres in the fields of Dunton. The ſaid Richard, being about the age of 63 years, departed this life October the 16, An. Dom. 1624. And the ſaid Margaret being about the age of ———. They had iſſue one only daughter, Magdallena, in whoſe memory they erected the little monument placed in the South ſide of this chancel wall."

"Here lieth the bodie of John Glynne, eſq. ſon of Sir William Glynne, bart. and of Dame Penelopie his wife, daughter of Stephen Anderſon, eſq. of Eyworth, who died the 12 day of March 1661, aged 37 weekes."

"Here lieth the body of the virtuous Lady Dame Mary Anderſon, wife of Sir Stephen Anderſon, bart. and daughter of Sir John Glynne, knt. one of his Majeſties ſerjeants-at-law, who departed this life Feb. the 25th, 1661."

"Here lyeth interred the body of Dame Alice, baroneſs Verulame, Viſcounteſſe St. Albans, one of the daughters of Benedict Barnham, Alderman of London; ſhe departed this life the 29th of June, Anno D'ni 1650."

"Here lieth the body of Dame Dorothey Conſtable, the widdow of Sir John Conſtable, late of Dromanby in Yorkſhire, and daughter and coheire of Benedict Barnham, Alderman of London; ſhe departed this life the 8 day of

June, Anno D'ni. 1649. Neare hereunto alſo are interred the bodyes of Thomas, John, Edmond, Francis, and Elizabeth, children of John Cotton, eſq. (ſon and heire of Sir Thomas Cotton, bart.) and of Dorothy his wife, ſole daughter of Edmond Anderſon, eſq. by Alice his wife, who was daughter of the ſaide Lady Conſtable, which 5 children died in their infancy. Here lieth the body of Edmond Anderſon, eſq. who departed this life Auguſt the 6th, 1736."

"Here lieth the body of Sir Stephen Anderſon, bart. who departed this life Jan. the 9, 1707."

"Here lieth the body of Mrs. Catherine Anderſon, who departed this life April the 9th, 1705."

"Here lieth interred the pious and generally honoured, Miſtreſs Katherin Anderſon, wife unto Stephen Anderſon, eſq. She was of a noble extraction, and her virtues above it."

"In memory of Edmond Anderſon, eſq. who departed this life April the 1ſt, 1740; aged 54 years."

In the church:

"In his family vault under the chancel of this church lyeth the body of Edmond Anderſon, of Mag. college, Cambridge, deſigned to be rector of Broughton, in the county of Lincoln, ſecond ſon of Sir Stephen Anderſon, of Eyworth, in the county of Bedford, bart. died IX Feb. 1766."

Arms in the Eaſt window. Az. a chevron between 3 eſcalops, Or; on a chief Or, a lion paſſant guardant. Parted by bend ſinefter, a lion rampant, counterchanged Or and Sable.

In the North window. Gules, a chevron Or, between 3 pelicans Arg.

POTTON.

The following is a copy of the first rate appearing in the oldest Churchwarden's Book of the Parish of Potton:—

The Accompt of Thomas Waller and Frances Austen Overseers for the poore of Potton John Clarke and Thomas Goodale Churchwardens made and given upp this.

A levye for the poore the 13th of Maye 1638.

Mr. Burgoyne for Potton Wood	8	4	Jo. Tanslye		8
And for the fryth	1	8	Wid. Lawson		8
And for the Warren and heath closes	5	0	Jo. Cornelius		8
Mr. Wynch for the Parsonage	8	4	Widd. Cole		3
Mr. Shiers	1	1	Marth. Austen		4
Mr. Parratt	3	8	Jo. Atkinson	2	10
Tho. Ward	2	0	Ed. Clarke		6
John Langhorne		2	Tho. Compton		4
Mr. Godfrye	3	0	Rich. Mawcott		2
Jarrard Butcher		6	Tho. Hawkes		3
William Harper	2	8	Hen. Longstaffe		2
Tho. Langhorne	1	2	Willm. Bland		5
James Hide		2	Tho. Newman		8
Tho. Squire		2	Jo. Chambers		8
Ed. Cole		2	Mr. Bromsall		6
Jo. Wallys		4	Tho. Smyth		7
Rich. Springe		8	Jo. Clarke	3	4
Jacobb Miller		2	Richard Peter		3
Henry Wallys	1	4	Matthew Thorn		7
Geo. Searle		3	James Smyth		8
William Geery	1	10	Tho. Answorth		2
Walter Lettys		10	Tho. Bowtell		2
Robert Ball	1	0	Danyell Pytts		2
Ste. Wichelowes		10	Wid. Ward		3
Tho. Waller	2	2	Jo. Kyrke		3
Wid. Lettys	1	6	Hugh Conye		10
Wid. Crouch		3	Wid. Mayles		4
Wid. Emmery		4	Jo. Compton		6
John Ward		4	Will. Austen		8
Tho. Goodale	2	6	Jo. Langhorne		2
Ed. Waller	3	6	Willm. Morton	3	4
Ed. Inwaye		6	John Wallys		2
			Wid. Bye		2
			Wid. Andrews		2
			Ri. Roberts		2

Jo. Harper	3	4	Jo. Austen		1
Ed. Pannell		2	Leo. Smyth		3
John Fanne		2	Will. Kidman	1	2
Wid. Langhorne	1	0	Wid. Harp'		2
Wid. Chambers		2	Ed. Bonyon		3
Fr. Austen	1	0	Hen. Clarke		2
Ri. Emmery		6	Ed. Austen		1
Tho. Owtlane		1	Will. Charnock		4
Jo. Jeapes		2	Robt. Beamont		1
Jo. Fynch		2	Tho. Sawyer		2
Mr. Oxford	1	0	Tho. Searle		2
Geo. Pratt		2	Ro. Lillye		2
Will. Robynson		2	Ro. Paine		2

Somma est iiii*li.* 7*s.* iii*d.*

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
The wh. levies hath been gathered six tymes and sometymes altered as occasion served so the whole levies cometh to	xxvi	viii	iiii
Received of the old overseers	vii	5	x
Summa total est	33	14	2

The names of such poor people as receaved weeklye collection.

Burnaby Booker		vi	Wid. Ceasar		vi
Wid. Chatton		viii	Marye Wiseman		vi
Wid. Burgys	i	iiii	Wid. Knott		vi
Wid. Bustard		vi	Shelton		vi
Wid. Watts		vi	Ceasar		i
Elen Doughty		iiii	Barrington		vi
Coomfes Son	i	iiii	Apthorpe		vi
Coops Son	i	viii	John Blaine		i
Wid. Nenson		iiii	Henry Greene		vi
Thomas Inglsby		vi	Henry Robinson		i

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Which persons have received sometymes more and sometymes lesse as appeareth by the bills All wh. cometh to	xxiii	v	xi
Alsoe given to sick and poore people as followeth			
Gyven to Walter Langhorne for rydding the towne of himselfe his wife and children		xxx	o
Item paid to Parratt for lodging of Ursula Barrington		ii	vi
Item paid to Henry Clarke for the Widow Burgys rent		iii	o

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Item paid to old Harper for the widdowe Knotts rent		iii	0
Item paid to Henry Clarke the first of July for the rent of Barrington and the widdowe Knott		i	0
Item given to Apthorpe to help him out of prison		vi	0
Item given to the Widd. Knott to send her quite awaie		iiii	0
Itm. paid to Henry Clarke for one months rent for Barrington		i	0
Itm. paid to Parratt the xxxth of December for a quarters rent		ii	0
Itm. p^{d} to F^{r} Jessopp for Burgess rent for one halfe yeare		vii	0
Itm. p^{d} to Apthorpe for Barringtons rent		iii	0
Itm. p^{d} to F^{r} Jessopp for Burgess rent		iiii	vi
Given to poor people in harvest tyme, viz. to Barnaby Chatton, Barrington, Watts and Shelton		xx	0
The some of this cometh to	iiii	vii	0
W^{h} being added to the weekly contribution cometh to	xxvii	xii	x
Soe we charge our selves with the some of	33	14	2
Whereof ther hath ben laid out	27	xii	x
Paid for wryting this Accompt		i	0
All which being deducted out of the	33	14	2
Ther remains to be delivered to the next overseers the some of	6	0	4
Whereof ii*li.* iiii*s.* vi*d.* for the towne stock.			
The forty pounds given to the towne by Mr. John Burgoyne Esqr. deceased the one xx*li.* remains in the hands of John Burgoyne, Esqr. the ———— rest thereof cometh to 32*s.* per ann. And the w^{h} is distributed to the poore according to the tenour of the Will		xxxii	0
The other xx*li.* remains in the hands of Mr. Sparrow the ——— rest thereof cannot be had nor hath ben receaved since the yeare 1626			
Alsoe the Tenn pounds which was the gift of Mr. Francis Barker of London remains in the hands of Henry Godfry Gent the ——— rest thereof is distributed		xvi	0

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
The rent of a Tenement called Potters in Potton in the tenure of Roger Plesanton which is £iii p. ann. the wh. is Alsoe distributed to the poore	iii	o	o
Alsoe the gift of xiii*s.* iiii*d.* p. ann. by Mrs. Eliz. Worledg out of Clare Hall Cambridge is distributed to the poore		xiii	iiii
Alsoe the rent of a Tenement called Romfords in Potton in the tenure of Mr. John Burgoyne p. ann. 6*s.* 8*d.* the wh. ought to be distributed but cannot be gotton		vi	viii

The towne have nominated for newe Overseers for the poore John Ward and Thomas Langhorne

There is alsoe delivered to the new overseers:

The Bond of Mr. Godfrye of x*li.*

The Bond of Isaack Boyes for Ratfords children

The bond of Howlett to the towne

The bond of Will Gyles to the towne

The bond of Tho. Ferrys to the towne

The Indenture of Apprentice of Saby Stowman

The bond of Rich. Jorden to the towne

The Indenture of Apprentice of Tho. Ratford

The Indenture of Apprentice of Ed. Ratford

The Indenture of Apprentice of Tho. Butcher

The 9th of May 1639.

Bedford

Wee whose names are hereunder written his Majestys Justices of the peace for this Countie have p'used examined & allowed the Account of Thomas Waller & Francis Austine the old overseers and we doe nominate & appoint John Ward & Thomas Langhorne wth the Churchwardens for the tyme being to be new Overseers of the P'ish of Potton for this yeare 1639. And we do order that this account be openly read in the P'ish Church the next sabouth day after morning prayer. And there remaynes in stock vi*li.* o*s.* 4*d.*

R. Luke
Will. Palmer
Francis Fysher.

AN INVENTORY OF THE XVIITH CENTURY.

A true Inventorie Indented of all the goods and Chattells as well moveable as vnmoveable of Christopher Crouch of Potten Inholder late deceased weare prised and valewed by Richard Paratt Edward Waller and Richard Ampes the xvj^th dayе of September Anno dni. 1630.

In the . . . . . .

INPRIMIS one table with a frame one bench board with a backe 6 ioyned stooles 3 Chaires one Cubboard 2 pott 4 Cushions one shelfe one fliche of bacon 2 paire of potthangers a fire shovell and tonges a paire of bellowes 2 lowe stooles 2 cobroms and a fier iron a payer of Cables a cart a curteyne and a hower glasse.		xxvj^s viij^d

In the great p'lor.

ITEM one table wth a frame one forme 2 bench boards 3 Chares one standinge bedd and beddinge one curteyne one lowe chaire and 3 shelfes.	iij^li	

In the little p'lor.

ITEM one table wth a frame one bench & forme one standinge bed and beddinge one trustle bed & beddinge 1 Cubbert 2 little curteyns one box 1 stoole & cushion one curteyne and a halfe.	iiij^li	

In ye chamber over ye great p'lor.

ITEM one table wth a frame 2 chayres one bench boarde 1 forme 4 stooles one standinge bedd wth beddinge & curteyns one trundle one frame bedd one little table wth 3 cushions.	v^li	x^s

In ye chamber over ye kitchyne.

ITEM one little table one lowe stoole one standing bedd and beddinge.		xxiij^s iv^d

In the chamber over ye brewhouse.

ITEM one saddle 2 shelfes 1 cradle 1 chaise 5 cheeses and other ymplem^ts.		xvj^s

In ye little lofte.

ITEM one board bedd & beddinge a pillion and cloak wth other ymplem^ts.		xiij^s	iiij^d

In the Cocke lofte.

ITEM a bushell and stricke a castin shovell six paires of newe yron and other ymplem^ts theire.		xxx^s	

In the Kitcheyne.

ITEM seaventeene peeices of pewter 6 porringers 6 sawcers 14 Candle stickes 4 brasse kettles and other ymplem^ts theire.	iij^li	v^s	

In ye brewhouse.

ITEM one Copper one Mash fatt one yeildinge fatt 2 great tubes 6 kymnells and other ymplem^ts theire.	iij^li		

In ye seller.

ITEM 2 barrells of beare 3 kylderkyns 1 runlett 2 drinkinge stooles and other ymplem^ts.		l^s	

In ye great p'lor.

ITEM 3 paire of sheets x towells 8 board cloathes 2 dozen & a halfe of Napkyns 10 pillow beares one face cloath.	vj^li		

In ye stable.

ITEM 3 horses 7 rackes 6 maingers 2 ploughes Carts and other ymplem^ts.	xij^li	x^s	

In ye yarde.

ITEM the wood and timber wth hogges troughes and other ymplem^ts.	v^li		

In ye Garner.

ITEM ye Malte screene and castinge shovell	xv^li	vj^s	viij^d

In the Malthouse in ye toune.

ITEM wheat Pease Rye bushell ffann and a ladder.	iij^li	13^s	iiij^d

In ye yarde in ye toune.

ITEM one Hovell 2 rackes and woode		xiij^s	iiij^d

In ye barne in the towne.

ITEM barley Oates hay & other ymplem^ts	xxvj^li	vj^s	viij^d

In the barne att home.

ITEM Wheate Rye barlye and strawe 1 quarne & a ffanne	xvj^li		

In ye hayehouse att home.

ITEM Haye and Pease	vj^li		

In ye yarde att home.

ITEM 4 Sowes 3 bullockes	x^li		
ITEM one paire of Steers	iiij^li	x^s	
ITEM Threescore and 15 sheepe & Lambs	xvj^li		
ITEM Capons and Pullyn		xv^s	
ITEM in readie money	xviij^li		
ITEM the tylth and stable	vj^li	viij^s	
ITEM his wearinge app'el	iij^li	vj^s	viij^d
ITEM money in his purse		iij^s	

Richard Paratt.
Edward Waller.
Richard Ampes.

Some Bedfordshire Wills.

Abstracted from the Original Wills, and certified copies, at the District Court of Probate, Northampton.

(CONTINUED FROM p. 244.)

WILLIAM STAUNTON, of Eversholt, yeoman, 20 June, 1582. To Frances my wife my dwelling-house, da. Margery, Edward & William my sons, a messuage, Brother Edmund, Frances & Elizabeth, children of John Wright & Agnes my da. Residue to wife, sole extrix. Proved 7 Dec. 1582.

EDWARD SNAGGE, of Marston, gent., 3 June, 1598. To Anne my wife all my goods & chattles. Son Thomas to request my nephew Thomas Snagge s. of my eld. bro. to allow my wife a house fit for her. Appoints wife Anne sole extrix. Proved 3 Oct. 1600.

THOMAS SAM, of Lymburie, in par. Luton, husbandman, [ ]. To brothers Richard & Robert Sam 5*s.* apiece. To brother John £5, to brother William & his children £5, and to brother Henry & his children £6. To Edward (dec^d) Sam's children 30*s.* To sister Joane, wife of Robert Crawley of Wootton, £5; to sister Elizabeth, wife of William Crawley of Luton, £7; to Ann Dudley, my kinswoman, 20*s.*; and to Thomas s. of my bro. George 20*s.* Residue to bro. George, whom he makes sole exor. Proved 20 Nov. 1606.

RICHARD STOCKER, of Eaton Socon, gent., 25 May, 1612. Wife Christian, eld. s. John, sons Richard, Oliver, Thomas & William. Da. Eliz'th Smith & her da. Barbara, to da. Cicely Mokes £5. Make sons John & Rich^d overseers. Pr. 10 May, 1613.

JANE ST. JOHN, of Keysoe, widow, 9 Aug. 1616. To grandchild Oliver St. J. 40*s.*; to Edward St. J. 20*s.*; to John St. J. 10*s.*; to grandchild and goddaur. Eliz'th Graye 40*s.*; to the 5 daurs. of my s. Oliver St. J. £4, *i.e.* to Dorothy 20*s.*, Judith 20*s.*, Elizabeth 20*s.*; Mary 10*s.*, to Anne 10*s.*; to Mr. Thomas Dillingham, of Deane, my godson, 10*s.*; to da. Margaret Waker 1 stone of wool; to da. Agnes Welles my bedstead; to da. Frances Welles my best gowne; to Judith Gray my best petticoat. Whereas brother John Neale of Wollaston in his will bequeathed me a legacy, I bequeath the same to Edward St. John above named, towards binding him apprentice. Son Oliver St. John to be exor. Pr. 7 Sept. 1616.

THOMAS STACIE, of Hattley Port, gent., nunc. will, 3 July, 1619. Wife Alice to be res. leg. & sole extrix. To each of his 3 sons a buff doublet; to Mr. Lewis Cokaine Calvin's Institutes; to Mr. Laurance Cokaine his dagger. Pr. 3 Aug. 1619.

CHRISTIAN STOCKER, of Wyboston, widow, 12 Aug. 1621. To be bur. in chancel of Eaton Socon. Mentions Katherine wife of my s. John S, Christian their da.; s. Richard S, Barbara his wife, John their s., Christian their d.; s. Thomas, his s. Richard S.; s. William S.; son-in-law William Smith & wife Eliz'th, my da., their daurs. Barbara Smith, Christian Smith, s. Paul Smith, Elizth. Bridgett & Agnes, daurs. of W. & E. Smith. To Richard, Christian & Oliver, children of my s. Oliver S. dec'd., £6 13*s.* 4*d.* apiece. To Robert & John, also children of Oliver, £3 apiece. Residue to s. John, whom she makes exor. Pr. 6 Oct. 1623.

ANTHONY SCROGGS, of Renhold, 23 Jan. 1626. To sons Oliver & Sanders 12*d.* apiece. To grandchild Kath. Allen 23*s.* 4*d.* Residue to 2 daurs. Katherine (Allen) & Eliz'th equally, and makes them exors. Pr. 17 March, 1626.

JOHN STANTON, of Bedford, gent., 2 June, 1626. To wife Ursula a messuage in St. Paul's. Residue to wife Ursula, sole extrix. Pr. 14 June, 1626.

RICH. STOCKER, of Begwary, Eaton Socon, gent., 22 April, 1656. To Ann Dositor £50; to John Dositor £7; to wife Elizabeth a rood & ½ of arr. land. Makes her sole extrix. Pr. 29 May, 1656.

ANNE SLATER, of Leighton, wid., 27 Aug. 1658. To be bur. in Leighton chancel near husband. To da. Eliz'th all my goods. Mentions son-in-law William Slater, of Barnett, co. Herts., clk.; daurs. Anne Barker, Mary Chapman. Appoints da. Elizth. sole extrix. Pr. at London 1 May, 1658.

ANNE SKELTON, of Eyworth, wid., 18 June, 1666. To be bur. in Luton par. church. To brother Thomas Rotherham £40; sister Susan Bruton, wife of Mr. George B., minister of Eyworth, £150. To Arthur & Edward, sons of George Bruton, £10 apiece; to Mary, d. of George Bruton, £200; to cosin Frances, wife of James Turney, £20, & to James T. his s. £10; to cosin Manson, s. of Edward Goodwin decd., £10, and to Benjamin his brother £10; to cosin Elizabeth, d. of George Rotherham, of Luton, £100, and to George, s. of George R., £10; to kinsman Thomas White, of co. Bucks, £5. Residue to brother George Rotherham, sole exor. Sr William Glynne, of Eyworth, Bart., to be overseer. Pr. 11 Sept. 1666.

JOSIAS SETTLE, of Dunstable, Barber Chirurgeon, 15 June, 1666. Wife Sarah to be sole extrix. To s. Jeremiah S. his dwellinghouse in Watling St., Dunstable, called the "Nagg's Head," on condition that he pay to my da. Sarah £40; to d. Sarah, house called the "Bell," in South St., Dunstable, between the "Saracen's Head" & the "George." Residue to wife. Pr. 29 Apr. 1667.

WILLIAM SPENCER, of Devilshoe, in Eaton-Socon, gent., 1 Aug. 1668. To Elizabeth S., wife, whom he makes sole extrix., all his moveable goods; to da. Anne, wife to Richard Manley, of Wilstead, 2*s.* 6*d.*; to s. Samuel S., & Elizabeth S., my da., 2*s.* 6*d.* each; to poor of Eaton-Socon, 20*s.* Pr. 25 Apr. 1671.

BARBARA SMYTH, of Sharnbrook, spr., 11 Feb. 1675. To sister Margaret S. all my money, goods, and household stuff. Appoints her sole extrix. Reversion to sister Sarah Cobbe & her heirs. To brother Mr. William S., sister Cobbe, nephew Mr. William Cobbe, cosen Mr. Castell Drury, a gold ring apiece. Pr. 3 Oct. 1676.

Notes from Old Bedfordshire Deeds.*

ELSTOW.—1611, Aug. 1 Sir Edward Radclyffe of Elnestowe, Knight in consideration of the sum of £32 conveys to John Radwell of Kempston, ploughwrighte, a messuage or tenement with a yard orchard and garden situate in Elnestowe between the land of our sovereign lord the King on the east and a lane called lambes lane otherwise lambsgate on the west and the highway leading from Elnestowe to Kempston on the north and the common green on the south holden of the chief lord of the fee by the rents and services accustomed. Mentions her mother Dame Issabelle Radcliff. Sealed and delivered in the presence of Thomas Cater, William Dimock, John Power.

HARROLD.—Indenture dated 3 Oct., 1635, between Robert Gifford of Harrold clerk of the one part and William Farrer of Bedford Esq. of the other part after reciting an indenture dated 1 Sept. 1633 whereby Willm. Greenhill of Biddenham yeoman & Anne his wife did lease for a term of 99 years to the said Robert Gifford at the yearly rent of 1 peppercorn should the same be demanded 6 closes in the parish of Harrold called Priestes Close White Pightell and Kay Brookes Arundells Close Bullockes Close and Mumbles, and certain other lands estimated to contain 120 acres as set forth in a Terrier annexed to an Indenture dated 30 Aug. 1590 Witnesseth that for the sum of £510 the said Robert Gifford assigns unto the said William Farrer all his interest in the above for the residue of the term. Signed Robert Gifford.

HARROLD.—Indenture dated 20 Feb. 1631 between the right hon^ble Henry Earl of Kent Lord Hastings Waifford and Ruthin and Edward Isham and Thos. Alexander gent. servants of the said Earl of the one part

* The originals for sale, apply to the Editor.

and Thos. Yarwaie of Kempston gent. of the other part. After reciting two several indentures dated 6th of May and 10th of Oct. 1630 whereby the said Earl leased to the said Thos. Yarwaie all the site capital messuage or mansion house of Harrold, commonly called the great manor house including the longe house, houses outhouses gatehouses buildings barns stables yards gardens hemplands, &c., and also a close of meadow or pasture called Neither Moynes alias Neither Mowe hills with the water courses and fishings, and a meadow called the Lords meade, and a close or croft of ground called Wheat crofte, a field called Parke field, a field of arable and grass called Courte field, and the Slade or Slades called Keybrooke Slades, and also his freefoldage sheepwalk and sheepcourse, all in the parish of Harrold, also three parcels of Bushie ground in Harrold whereof one is called Buckeretts well, one other is called Bonners hedge and the third is called the backside of the Conigree, also the upper Mowe hills, 2 acres of meadow lying in Prest meadow the Park slade, one close of leyes in the common fields containing by estimation 2 acres, and 1 little close of pasture called the New close, all in the parish of Harrold, for the term of 21 years at the several rents of £27 6*s.* 8*d.*, and £59 13*s.* 4*d.* Witnesseth that Edward Isham and Thos. Alexander by the direction of the said Earl ratify and confirm to the said Thomas Yarwaie the above premises for the residue of the aforesaid recited term subject to the rents covenants and agreements, &c. therein expressed. Signed, Henry Kent. Ed. Isham. Tho. Alexander.

HARROLD.—Indenture dated 14 May 1556 between Ralph Farrowe of the City of London Grocer and Margery his wife of the one part and John Cheney of Harwold otherwise Harrold Esq. and Jane his wife of the other part. Recites Letters Patent of K. Edward VI dated 9 Nov. 1551 granting to John Cheney then of Pychelethorn co. Bucks gent. the Rectory of the parish church of Harrold late belonging to the Priory of Harrold and all houses barns tythes oblacions commodities obvencions, &c. for the term of 21 years at the yearly rent of £10. Indenture dated 8 May 1556 whereby John Cheney assigned his interest in the above to Ralph Farrowe. Witnesseth that Ralph Farrowe & Margery his wife do assign the residue of their term of 16 years to John Cheney and Jane his wife, on condition of their observing

and keeping all the covenants of the Letters Patent. And the said Ralph Farrowe & Margaret his wife covenant that if the said John and Jane Cheney or either of them shall be living at the expiration of the term of 16 years that the survivor of them shall be permitted to occupy the Rectory advowson, &c. as long as he or she shall live. Signed Jhon Cheyne.

RENHOLD.—Indenture dated 22 Dec. 1659 between Sir William Beecher of Howbery of the one part and John Huxley of Edmonton co. Middx. Esq. & John Huxley of Eaton Bray gent. s. and h. app. of the sd. John Huxley of Edmonton, Thomas James & George Huxley 3 younger sons of the sd. John Huxley of Edmonton of the other part after reciting that Sr. Wm. Beecher & Elizabeth his mother by an Indenture tripartite dated as above made between Sr. Wm. Beecher & Elizabeth his mother of the one part, John Huxley of Edmonton, John Huxley of Eaton Bray, Thomas James & George Huxley of the 2nd part, and Elizabeth Hillersden da. of the sd. John Huxley of Edmonton of the 3d. part in consideration of an intended marriage between Sr. W. Beecher and Elizabeth Hillersden, whereby certain lands were charged with a marriage portion, the said lands being also charged with an annuity of £76 a year formerly granted to one John Gostwicke now payable to Sr. Edward Gostwick Witnesseth that Sr. Wm. Beecher doth convey and assure to the said John Huxley of Edmonton and his sons a piece or parcel of land called Westmead containing 70 acres abbutting south upon the river Owse lying in the parish of Renhold & now or late in the occupation of Mrs. Frances Beecher & Mr. John Beecher on a yearly rent of £104 to have & to hold the same for a term of 1000 years at a peppercorn rent upon trust to pay to Sr. Wm. Beecher the yearly rent of £76 & all other rents annuities and payments which now are due and payable by any former contract or agreement made or done by the sd. Sr. Wm. Beecher, or Oliver Beecher Esq. decd., father of the said Sr. Wm. Beecher or Sr. Wm. Beecher decd. the grandfather of the sd. Sr. Wm. Beecher or by Henry Beecher decd. great-grandfather of the sd. Sr. Wm. Beecher. Proviso that if the sd. Sr. Wm. Beecher and Elizabeth Hillersdon shall depart this life without issue then this deed to be void and of no effect. Signed W. Beecher.

ELSTOW.—Indenture dated 19 May 1625 made between Walton Cooper of Elvestowe gent. administrator of the goods & chattels of Thomas Cooper late of Elvestowe gent. decd. his father, of the one part and Arnold Spenser of Cople gent. of the other part Recites that William Wawton late of Elvestowe gent. by his last will & testament dated 16 July 1590 devised unto Bridgett Wawton his wife for life certain lands and tenements in Elvestowe & elsewhere; that the said Bridgett Wawton by an Indenture dated 22 August 1590 made between her of the one part and the sd. Thos. Cooper of the other part did demise the same unto the sd. Thos. Cooper for the term of 60 years from the day or time wherein she should be married or "made sure to any person or persons," and that the sd. Bridgett afterwards took to husband Walter Lake, and that after the death of the sd. Thos. Cooper administration of his effects was, according to the Ecclesiastical laws of this Realm committed to the sd. Walton Cooper Witnesseth that the sd. Walton Cooper sells to the sd. Arnold Spencer all that messuage cottage and close of pasture in Elvestowe & 45 acres of arable land lying dispersed in the common fields of Elvestowe, Kempston Kempston-Hardwicke and Willshamsteed agreed to be conveyed to the sd. Arnold Spencer by Frances Cooper widow, the sd. Walton Cooper & Elizabeth his wife James Greene & Martha his wife, & Thos. Hawes gent. & Lettice his wife to have & to hold the same for the residue of the term of years unexpired. Signed Walton Cooper.

ELSTOW.—Indenture dated 26 April 1651 being the Articles of Agreement between Thomas Hillersdon Esq. of Eversholte, Sir William Lytton of Knebworth, co. Herts, Knight, and Sir Thomas Hewett of Pishoeberry, co. Herts, Knight, guardians of the said Thomas Hillersdon, of the one part, and John Huxley of Edmonton, co. Middx. Esq. of the other part. Recites that a marriage is intended to be solemnised between Thomas Hillersdon and Elizabeth eldest da. of John Huxley and that the said Sr. Wm. Lytton as guardian had received the sum of £2300 to be paid to Thos. Hillersdon on his attaining the age of 21 years, and that Sr. Thos. Hewett by his marriage with Margaret the mother of the said Thomas Hillersdon and executrix of the last Will and Testament of Thos. Hillersdon Esq. decd. father of the said Thos. Hillersdon had received the sum of £1319 2*s.* 9*d.* to be paid to Thos.

Hillersdon on his attaining the age of 21 years. Covenant on the part of Thos. Hillersdon to charge his estates in the parishes of Eversholte, Badlesdon, Tingriff, Tuddington, Maldon, Steppingley, Kempson, and Hockley with a sum of £350 per ann. by way of jointure and dower for his intended bride. Covenant on the part of John Huxley that so soon as the said intended marriage shall have taken place that he will settle the sum of £2800 on his daughter Elizabeth as a marriage portion.

Signed Thomas Hillersdon, W. Lytton, Thos. Hewytt.

ELSTOW.—Indenture dated 19 Jan 1674 made between Sr. William Becher of Howbery Knight of the one part and Thomas Hillersdon of Elstow Esq. of the other part Witnesseth that Sr. Wm. Becher in right of his wife Dame Elizabeth Becher mother of the sd. Thos. Hillersdon being the guardian of the sd. Thos. Hillersdon stood accountable to him for several sums of money therein mentioned, and the said Thos. Hillersdon having now come of age, releases to the sd. Thos. Hillersdon all the sd. several sums of money and securities. Signed W. Becher.

THE WILL OF ROGER FINCH OF DUNSTABLE.*

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN December the 27: 1652 I Roger ffinch of Dunstable in the county of Bedford Mercer doe make this my last Will and Testament viz. ffirst I betake my Soule and body into the hands of Almightie God Beinge perswaded in the merritts of Jesus Christ that I shall receiue forgiuenesse for all my Sinnes; My body to the earth from whence it was formed, To be buried at the discretion of my Executor in a decent manner ITEM I Will and Bequeath to the Poore of Dunstable Twentie shillings To bee paid within a yeare after my decease Item I Ordayne my Wife Hannah ffinch my sole and onely Executor of this my Will ITEM I Giue to my Sonne Daniell ffinch my acre

* The above will (on parchment) in the possession of the Editor is probably the copy made for Probate.

of Land lyeinge vp pascum pitt hill, And one halfe acre of land lyeinge in the feild of Houghton Regis, Being the furthermost to him and his heires after my Wifes decease AND to my Sonne Thomas ffinch the acre of land I had of Thomas Ordway And the hithermost half acre in Houghton feild To him and his heires also after my wifes decease ITEM I Give to my Sonne Samuell ffinch my dwellinge house that I nowe liue in after the decease of my Wife Paying Twentie pounds to his Sister Hannah ffinch; And Twentie pounds to his Sister Elizabeth ffinch within a yeare after my wifes decease And if one of them doe dye before it is due Then the other to inioy the deceased ones money And for default of beinge paid the said ffourtie pounds Then it shall bee lawful for them to seize one the house and keepe it till it is paid ITEM I Giue him Mr. Calvins booke and Twelue pence in money ITEM I Give to my daughter Hannah foure very good paire of Sheetes and two Holland Pillowbeeres, sixe good napkins and a Table Cloath of flaxen ITEM I Giue to my Sonne Daniell ffinch one paire of Sheetes and A pillowbeere AND to my Sonne Thomas one paire of Sheetes and a pillowebeere ITEM I Giue to my Wife Hannah ffinch my house in the Westend wherein Abell Chessam liueth; Payinge out of it to the poore euery yeare Three shillings foure pence in bread the next munday after Michaelmas else to forfeite fiue shillings ITEM I giue to her likewise my other house and Barne beinge in the west Streete Alsoe shee to sell them to pay my debts Item I Giue to her Thirtie pounds which my Sonne Samuell ffinch oweth to me To be paid next Midsomer day One thousand sixe hundred fifty three And if my Sonne Samuell doe not pay the said Thirtie pounds That then it shall be lawful for her to Seize and keepe the said Shopp and Wares till the money is paid ITEM I Giue to my daughter Elizabeth foure paire of very good sheetes, and two holland Pillowbeeres and sixe good napkins ALL the rest of my Goods vnbequeathed I doe giue to my Wife Hannah ffinch who is my Executor And in witnesse hereof I haue putt to my hand and Seale the day and yeare aboue Written. Roger ffinch In the presence of Samuell ffinch Daniell ffinch, Richard Sawell.

FRANCIS PALMER, RECTOR OF SANDY.

On the entrance gateway to Palmer's Almshouse, facing the churchyard of S. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, is a tablet with the following inscription: —

"ANNO DOMINI MDCLXXXVII. | These ALMES HOUSES for ten poor WIDDOWS of | this uper Toun, were Built and Endowed by | FRANCIS PALMER late RECTOR of SANDY | in the County of Bedford, who had an affection to | this place, his Mother being buried in this Church, | and was Sister to Colonel FRANCIS BILLINGSLEY | late of Abbots Astley, slain in this Church Yard | in the Service of KING CHARLES ye first."

On the S. wall of the S. aisle of S. Leonard's Church may be seen the sword of Francis Billingsley, below which is placed a modern brass, inscribed "Colonel Billingsley, Commander of the Town Regiment, in the Service of King Charles 1st | A.D. 1643–6, was killed in St Leonard's Churchyard in the defence of the Towne against the Parliamentary | forces, March 31st, 1646, and is buried in Astley Abbots Church. His sword since treasured in his family | is now presented to St Leonard's by Mr. Joseph Tustone, December, 1884. In memory of | Colonel Billingsley and of his Sister, Palmer's Hospital for widows was founded by his nephew, A.D. 1687." This brass also bears the arms of Bridgnorth.

On the same wall is a wooden tablet bearing a shield, A., on a cross between 4 lions rampant S., another cross of the first charged with 5 *mullets* of the second. Crest, a leopard couchant. (*Billingsley.*)

C. H. M.

TESTING WITCHES AT OAKLEY IN 1735.

Extracted from W. C. Sydney's "England and the English in the Eighteenth Century," vol. i. pp. 282–284:

"In 1735 a married woman upwards of sixty years of age, who resided in the village of Oakley about three miles from Bedford, underwent the two ordinary popular modes of trying persons suspected of practising witchcraft.

Having long lain under an imputation of witchcraft, the wretched woman at last, through anxiety not only for herself but her children to be cleared of it, consented to be ducked. The spot selected for her trial by the parish officers was by a mill on the banks of the Ouse. A concourse of people assembled, and on the woman presenting herself, she was tied up in a wet sheet. Her face was left uncovered, her feet and hands were tied together, and a rope was fastened round her body. As pins were supposed to prevent a witch from swimming, her person was searched for them. None being discovered, the woman was lifted up and thrown into the river, where the malignant vigilance of the bystanders was gratified in beholding that she floated, though her head was all the while under water. Seeing this the spectators instantly jumped to the conclusion that she was a witch, and a cry arose of 'A witch! Drown her! Hang her!' After remaining in the water for a few minutes, the woman was pulled out more dead than alive. As soon as she had recovered her breath, she was a second time placed in the river, and was again seen to float, which the ignorant multitude considered an infallible proof of her guilt. A little later she was hauled out of the water and laid down upon the grassy bank, speechless and in a dying condition. This, so far from exciting the pity or compassion of the bystanders, moved them one and all only to load her with abuse and reproach. Before long, however, she regained consciousness, but as her persecutors were far from satisfied, they proposed to try her by another experiment, that of weighing her against the big Bible of the parish church; under the impression that, if really guilty, it would be impossible for her to outweigh it, as the Bible was undoubtedly the word of God, and consequently would prevail against the works of the devil. The question being carried, the wretched woman was weighed against the Bible of Oakley Church, which weighed about twelve pounds, with the result that she outweighed it. This convinced some of the spectators, and staggered others, but the parson of the parish went away firmly convinced that his unfortunate parishioner was a witch, and endeavoured to impress others with the same belief.* This shameful outrage, be it noted, was perpetrated in a village about fifty-three miles from the capital in 1735."

* *London Magazine*, 1735.

BEDFORDSHIRE

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Proceedings of Committee for Plundered Ministers,

(Continued from p. 179.)

State Papers. Domestic Series: Interregnum. Order Books 1–4 F. (*Public Record Office.*)

Goldington.

At the Com^ttee^ for plundred Ministers 22° April 1646:—

Resolued that the yearely sume of forty pounds be payd out of the p'fitts of the Impropriate Rectory of Gouldington Sequestred from the Earle of Northampton Delinquent to and for increase of the Maintenance of John Knapp Minister of Gouldington aforesaid the viccaridge thereof being worth but forty pounds p. Ann. And that it bee reported to the house.

Gilbt Millington.

(*Order Book* 1 F, fol. 4.)

Old Warden.

Att the Com^ttee^ for plundered Ministers Aprill 15° Anno Dni 1646:—

Resolued that the yearely sume of forty pounds be payd out of the p'fitts of the impropriate Rectory of

Steventon sequestred from Sr Lewes Diues Knt Delinqt. To and for increase of the maintenance of John Craddocke Minister of Old Warden the said p'ish consisting of 200 Comunicants & the viccaridge thereof being worth but sixteene pounds p. Ann. And that it bee reported to the house.

GILBT MILLINGTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 14.)

EGGINTON.

At the Comttee for Plundered Ministrs Junij 10mo Anno Dni 1646 :—

By vertue of an order of both houses of pliamt of the second of May last. It is ordered that the yearly sume of forty pounds out of the p'fitts of ye imappriate Rectory of Leighton Budezard in ye county of Bedd sequestred from Sr Tho. Leigh Delinqt farmer thereof, vnder Mr Duport Prebend of Lyncolne, be payd to and for increase of ye maintenance of a preaching Minister in ye chappell of Egginton cũ Clipton annexed to ye church of Leighton Budezard aforesaid ye pnt maintence of ye Minister of ye sd Chappell being but twenty shillings p. Ann. And ye Sequestrators of ye p'misses are required to pay ye same accordingly at such tymes & Seasons of the yeare as ye said p'fitts are payable.

HAR. GRIMSTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 36.)

STANBRIDGE.

At the Comttee for plundered Ministrs 1mo Julij Anno Dni 1646 :—

By vertue of an order of both houses of Parliamt. of ye 2d. of May last. It is ordered that ye yearely sume of 50l be payd out of ye tythes of ye Imppriate Rectory of Leighton Bussard, wch are arising and growing within ye p'cincts of ye Chapelrye of Stambridge in ye county of Bedford, sequestred from Sr Tho. Leigh Knt Delinqt. to and for increase of ye maintennce of ye Minister of the Chappell of Stambridge annexed to the Church of Leighton Bussard aforesaid his pnt maintence being but 12l p. Ann. And ye Sequestrators of the

p'misses are required to pay ye same accordingly at such tymes & seasons of ye yeare as ye said tythes and p'fitts shall grow due & payable.

HAR. GRIMSTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 72.)

BIDDENHAM.

At the Comttee for plundered Ministers July ye first Anno Dni, 1646:—

By vertue of an Order of both houses of Parliam^t^ of ye 2^d^ of May last. It is ordered that the yearely sume of 50^l^ be payd out of ye tythes of the Imppriate Rectory of Leighton Buzzard wch are arising & growing within ye p'cincts of the Chapelry of Stambridge in ye county of Bedds sequestred from Sr Tho: Leigh Kn^t^. Delinq^t^. to & for increase of ye maintennce of ye Minister of Biddenham in ye said county ye pnt maintennce belonging to ye said Church being but a stipend of 10^l^ p. Ann. Provided that ye form of ye 7th of May last for paymt of 50^l^ p. Ann. out of ye rent reserved to ye Prebends of Lyncolne out of their possessions in Chichester Rectory be dischardged. And ye Sequestrato^rs^ of ye Premisses are required to pay ye same accordingly at such tymes & Seasons of the yeare, as ye said tythes & p'fitts shall grow due & payable,

HAR. GRIMSTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 100.)

(*To be continued.*)

EATON-BRAY AND TOTTERNHOE, 1475.

THE following account respecting the rights of Common in the above-named parishes is recorded in the "Cartulary of Dunstable Priory" now in the British Museum, and known as "Harl. MS. 1885." It was printed in the appendix to Hearne's edition of the "Dunstable Chronicle," published in 1733, but as this is now a scarce work, it seems to me that the subject matter was of sufficient interest to be reprinted in these pages. It is worth noting

how few of the names of the subscribers to this letter now remain; taking the parish of Stanbridge as an example; of the twelve names mentioned, only two, viz. "Tearle" and "Ellingham" are to be found at the present time.

"F. 126 b. *A Letter testimonial or Certificate of many of the Inhabitants of* Dunstaple, Edisburgh, Whipsnade, Tilsworth, Stanbrigge, *and* Kennefworth, *touching the Right of common of Pasture, which the Inhabitants of* Houghton *and* Sewelle *claim in the Fields of* Eytone *and* Toternho.

TO all Cristen people, to whom this present writyng shall come to see or here, We, whos names he under wretyn, sende gretyng in oure Lorde God euerlasting. Forasmoche as it is medefull and meritory to euery trewe *Cristen* man, to witnesse, testifie and to record the trouth in euery mater and cause doughtfull, variable and vncerten, and in especiall in such materes and causes, as touche title of inheritaunce. Wherefore, whereos ther is nowe variaunce, strife and debate hadde and movid bitwene the tenauntes, inhabitauntes and reciantes, of *Eyton* and *Toternhoe* on the oon partie, and the tenantes, inhabiantes, reciauntes of *Houghton* and *Sewell* on the other partie, for certen comen of pasture, which the seid tenauntes, inhabitauntes and reciauntes of *Houghton* and *Sewell* aske and clayme to have to theym for ther bestes and catell in diuerse placis and feldes of the seide tenauntes, inhabitauntes and reciauntes of *Eyton* and *Toternho* aforeseid, that is to seye, from the Moore callid *the litil Moore* unto *Loxborgh grene*, and in oon feld callid *Toternho feld* in the same towne ensuyng by the hegge of the Est partie of *Toternho* unto *Spilmannestroste*, and so by a weye callid *Portwey* unto a Crosse callid *the Porte crosse*, and moreouer the same inhabitaunts, tenauntes and reciauntes of *Houghton* and *Sewell* clayme to have comen for ther bests and catell in a feld callid *Littelnye*, in the seid feld of *Toternho*, if it so be that it be not the lorde *Zouche* seuerall soile, whiche is lorde of the same Lordship: We, whos names be vnder wretyn aforsaid, witnesse, testifie and record for trouth in this behalve, that ther is oon crosse stondyng in the feld of *Toternho*, the which Crosse stondith in *Ikeneld* strete, to the whiche Crosse the waye ledyng from *Spilmannstroste* directly streachith and extendith, at whiche

place ther hath be a Crosse stondyng from tyme that no minde is, vnto the day of makyng of thes presentes. Whiche Crosse hath be eure, and yette is, named *White Crosse* and not *Porte Crosse.* And also whereos ther is another Crosse nowe stondyng in the Comen Waye and strete, leding and stretching thorough the towne of *Toternho* beside the meese and dwellyng place late of *John Pedder*, and nowe *John Asshwell* of *Toternhoe*, Whiche Crosse the seid tenauntes, inhabitauntes and reciauntes of *Houghton* and *Sewell* now calle and name *Portecrosse*, and also they say that it stode there in the Xth yere of the reigne of Kyng *Harry* the IIIIth and before, and that the seid wey and strete at that tyme, and all other tymes sith and afore, was callid. named and knowen by the name of *Portwey:* We, whos names be vnder wretyn aforeseid, Witnesse, testifie and record for trouth, that the seid Crosse, nowe stonding in the seid waye and strete, was first sette there within the terme and space of XXIIII yere last past next afore the makyng of thes presentes, and callid by the name of *Pedders Crosse*, and nowe late knowen by the name of *Asshwell Crosse*, and that in tyme paste, afore the making and settyng of the same Crosse, ther was neuer any maner of Crosse callid *Portecrosse*, or by any other manner name, stondyng there from tyme that any man or persone can or may remembre, or euer herde telle or speke of in tyme paste by any man or persone trewely and indifferently disposed, and also that the seid comen wey and strete is not, nor never was from tyme, that any man or persone can or may remembre, or euer herde telle or speke of in any olde evydence, writing or otherwyse in tyme paste callid, named or knowen by the name of *Portewey*. And moreouer Wee, whos names be vnder wretyn aforesaid, witnesse, testifie and record for trouth, that ther is not, ner neuer was from tyme that any man or persone can or may remembre, or euer herde speke of by any olde writing, men or perfones, in tyme past any maner of weye, being other on the Est partie or North partie of the towne of *Totternho*, callid, named or knowen by the name of *Portewey*. and also that the seid tenauntes, inhabitants ner reciauntes of *Houghton* ner of *Sewell* hadde neuer comen in the seid feld called *Littilnye* for ther bestes or catell, ner of right neuer vsed to have in tyme paste any maner of comen for ther bestes, or any other maner of cattell, within any of the feldes of the seid towneshippes of

Eyton or *Toturnho*, but at such tymes os the bests or catell of the seid tenauntes, inhabitauntes and reciauntes of *Houghton* and *Sewell* have be founde pasturing or fedyng within any of the feldes of *Eyton* or *Toternho*, they have be takyn and inpoundid by the seid inhabitauntes, tenauntes and reciauntes of *Eyton* and *Toternho* at the tyme beyng. And also the seid inhabitauntes, tenauntes and reciauntes of *Houghton* and *Sewell* have be diuerse tymes punysshid by presentes and amerciementes in the Courtes of the letes of the seid Lorde *Zouche* holdyn at *Toternho*, os it apperith by the rolles made of the same in diuerse yeres for wronge usurpation, trespassyng and harme doyng within the feld of seid towneshippes of *Eyton* and *Toternho*, and so continually takyn and punysshid os wronge usurpers, trefpassers and harme doers, except oonly in open tyme, at such tyme as no keper ner herdeman hath be present, kepyng ner folowyng the seid bestes or catell, that than how be it, that any of the same bestes or catell of the same tenaunts, inhabitauntes and reciauntes of *Houghton* and *Sewell* have escapid, at such tyme and sesyn into the felds of *Toternho* by the space of oon furlonge or II, and also in like wise how be it that the bestes and catell of the seid inhabitauntes, tenauntes and reciauntes of *Eyton* and *Toternho* in tyme paste have goone or escapid into the felds of *Houghton* and *Sewell* by the space of oon furlonge or II, at the same tyme and sesyn nother partie for any such escape in such time and sesyn have vexid, troublid, grevid ner inpoundid other at any time paste, but of neyghbourhode & frendly hode eyther of them favoured and suffred other, accordyng to the composicion tripartly indented bitwene the seid Lorde *Zouche* and the tenauntes, inhabitauntes and reciauntes of *Eyton* and *Toternho* on the oon partie, and the tenauntes, inhabitauntes and reciauntes of *Houghton* and *Sewell* on the other partie; but os of right, nother the tenauntes, inhabitauntes ner reciauntes of *Eyton* and *Toternho* on the oon partie, ner the tenauntes, inhabitauntes ner reciauntes of *Houghton* and *Sewell* on the other partie, at any tyme paste have entercomened in non other feld ner place, but oonly in the grete moore: In which moore the tenaunts, inhabitauntes and reciauntes of both parties aforeseid have continually entercomenced with ther bestes and catell, from tyme that no mynde is, and yette doo. In Witnesse whereof, We, whos names be vnder wretyn aforesaid, to this

present Lre testymonyall have put our seales. Poven the IXth day of *Marche*, the yere of the reigne of king *Edward* IIIIth. the XVth.

Of Dunstaple.

Thomas Priour	John Pycot
Harry Lenard	Richard Todington
Richard Curfon	Roberd Mason . .
John Blounte	Thomas Sterne
William Doget	Hugh Aylewyn
John Smyth	William Edward
Harry Lancaster	William Russell
John Pedder	John Russell
William Hebbys	Thomas Bleok
Edmond Pedder	Rauffe Attewell
Richard Wakeman	John Kyng
William Blackforby	Water Bernard
John Stratton	Robert Hyet
John Blackforby	William Clyfford
John Pulton	Richard Joynour
Richard Skegge	Thomas Thamocler
William Walsshe	Thomas Blounte
Nicholas Lucas	Richard Hegge
Roberd Heyward	Roberd Alith . . .

Of Edisburgh.

John Southend	William Salcok
Richard Smyth	William Wyredrawer
Hugh Stanbridge	John Boner — — —
Thomas Mortimer	

Of Whipsnade.

Thomas Yonge	Thomas Herthong
Laurens Boner	Thomas Pybaker

Of Tilsworth.

Thomas Mounte	Thomas Hawekyn
Rauffe Haukyn	Wylliam Bartelet
John Hebbys	John Horwode
John Wymond	William Coursy
Thomas Huet	John Bray
Robert Fuller	William Huwet - - -

OF STANBRIGGE.

Thomas Boynon
Nicholas Attewelle
John Draper
Rauffe Honer
John Terle
William Barton
John Hamond
Laurence Attewell
Roger Boynon
John Stanley
John Attewell *the elder*
John Attewell *the younger*
Thomas Elyngham
John Hogges
Harry Boynon
Thomas Grave
John Draper

OF KENNESWORTH.

Harry Albright
Thomas Affrith
Thomas Geffrey
Richard Geffrey
Richard Albright
Thomas Albright
John Attewode
Harry George

Some Bedfordshire Wills.

Abstracted from the Original Wills, and certified copies, at the District Court of Probate, Northampton.

(CONTINUED FROM p. 281.)

JOHN SHEPPARD, of Eyne, ——, gent., 16 , 1678.* To Humphrey Taylor, of Eversholt, gent., his heirs & ass. for ever, all my lands and tents. holden of the manor of Aspley-Berry, he discharging & paying all such sums of money as are due out of the same unto Ralph Skinner, of Hitchin, co. Herts, gent. Also to sd. H. T. all my free & customary messuages, lands, &c., in Upper Gravenhurst & Nether-Gravenhurst, to him and his heirs for ever. To kinsman John S., son of my late bro. Henry Sheppard, 1*s.*; to Mr. Thomas Abbis, minister of U. G., 10*s.* To be bur. in chanc. of U. G., near remains of my mother. Residue to my good friend Humphrey Taylor; makes him sole exor. Pr. 5 Apr. 1679.

I OLIVER ST. JOHN† Esqr doe most humbly & thank-

* This will is damaged.
† Son of Oliver, 4th Baron St. John, by Elizth. Paulett.

fully acknowledge the bounty & goodness of my gracious God who hath giuen me a comfortable support in my passage through this vale of teares, yet having little to leaue amongst my friends I cannot therefore in that measure that I desire & they deserue, requite their kindnes to me, But I humbly intreate them to accept these litle Remembrances undernamed, as Symboles of my true respects and gratitude, for ye favours I have receiued from them, And first I giue to ye Right hono^ble^ Oliuer Earle of Bolingbrook, & to ye hono^ble^ Powlett St. John Esqr his Lop's brother, two Guineas apeece to buy y^m^ Rings, Item I giue to ye Minister of Bletsoe to performe ye Office of my buriall twenty shillings, Item I giue to ye Poore of Bletsoe forty shillings, & to the Poore of Melchborne twenty shillings, And I constitute Essex Woodham of Bletsoe gent & William Pateman of Melchborne Executors of this my Will Lastly I declare y^t^ I die a Protestant in ye Comunion of ye Church of England, And I desire y^t^ my mortall part may be interred wth ye Ancestors of my Family at Bletsoe aforesaid in an humble confidence y^t^ by y^e^ power of y^e^ Almighty & y^e^ merits of my deere Saviour, I shall haue a ioyfull Resurrection, & behold my Maker & Redeemer, & enioy a happy Eternity wth y^e^ Spirits of iust men made perfect In witness whereof I haue hereunto putt my hand & seal the 4th day of January 168$\frac{6}{7}$.

Oly. St John.

Pr. at Bedford 1 Sept. 1687, wherein he is described as of the parish of Blessed Mary in the town of Bedford.

MARGARET SANDERS, of Harrold, gent., wid., 20 Mar. 1697. To Mrs. Ursula Bradley 1 broad piece of gold; to Margaret Bletsoe, a ring; to Elizabeth Abraham, senr. 25*s.*; to Elizabeth Abraham, junr. 10*s.*; to Sarah Lord £1 & 2 pewter dishes. If any one of my relatives come to enquire after me, I give them 1*s.* Residue to Ann Lord, she paying all debts, &c.; makes her sole extrix. Pr. 28 May, 1698.

JOHN TAYLOR, of Marston, 4 Jan. 1500. To be bur. in ch'yard of Marston Morteyn. Thomas Okys a messuage in nether Shelton. Robert Okys a house in nether Shelton, Residue to Thomas Okys, whom he appoints exor. Proved 17 Jan. 1500.

THOMAS TAYLOR, of Stevington, the elder, 28 Nov. 1528. To be bur. in the ch'yard of Stevington. Johan Tawer my da., John Ranold, John Tawer my godson. A

priest to sing for the souls of Sir John Fulk priest, Nicholas Taylor & Agnes, John Taylor, & Agnes my wife. House, land and meadow to wife Agnes, whom he appoints exor. with son-in-law William Tawer; Nicholas Taylor of Chellington to be supervisor. Proved 22 Dec. [no year ment[d]].

JOHN TAYLOR, of Stevington, 10 Sept. 1544. To be bur. in the church of Steventon in the middle space. To wife Isabell house on the hill till son & heir comes of age, with all lands both charter & copyhold. To s. Robert, his heir, his lease of Beryfield in Cayshoe & part of the lease of the parsonage of Steventon, remdr. to John Taylor 2 son, whom he also bequeaths house called Hawkyngs with 60 acres of meadow & pasture, &c. To daurs. Elizabeth, Alys, & Margaret 20 marks apiece. If my wife shall be with child with a son I will he shall have my house at Pyxell with 30 acres of copyhold. To wife Elizabeth lease of a meadow close at Woburne & lease of land at Bromham. Residue to "Izabell (*sic*) my wife," appoints her extrix. Robt. Tayler Father & Robert Taler sonne to be exors. Appoints John Wylkinson & Sir George Butman "my gostely father" supervisors. Witnesses—John Wylkinson, Nicholas Tayler, Robert Tayler, junr. & Sir George Butnam vic. Proved 25 Sept. 1544.

WILLIAM TATAM, parson of Aspley, 1 March, 1581. To the poorest in Aspley 2*s.* 6*d.* apiece, to Thos. Atkins 5*s.* to the reparation of Aspley Church 10*s.*, to S[r] John Rogers clerk his best short gown, to Elizabeth Harding the younger a little diaper table cloth, to Jane Lewis a sheet, to Blanche Lewis do. Mr. William Halkes gent. of Over Standon oweth me £5. Proved 22 May, 1582.

THOMAS TEMPLE, of Turvey, gent. 25 July, 1621. To be bur. in ch. or ch'yard of Turvey. To wife Joane, all his goods & chattels, makes her sole extrix. Pr. 15 Aug. 1621.

THOMAS (s. of Thomas) TAYLOR, of Grymsbury, in Bolnhurst, gent. 4 Sept. 1623. All his goods to loving wife Judith in trust for his 7 children; appoints her sole extrix. Pr. 16 Dec. 1623.

THOMAS TURNER, of Melchborne, gent. — 1624. To be bur. in Melchbourne church. To eld. s. Christopher £20, to his children £10, 2 s. Thomas T. £30, daurs. Sara, Margaret, & Anne Turner 100 marks apiece. Wife Margaret & youngest s. John to be exors. Mr. Stickland

of Yielden & Silvester Addington to be overseers. To da. Cadwell "halfe a piece" & to every of her children 2*s.* 6*d.*, da. Harbert's child 2*s.* 6*d.*, da Fillbrigges children 2*s.* 6*d.* apiece. Pr. 26 Nov. 1624.

JAMES TODD, of Pertenhall, gent., 24 Nov. 1626. To da. Rebecca £20, to da. Marie 20 marks. Brother-in-law W'm Anglesey, gent. Residue to wife Ann, sole extrix. Brother Richard T. of Pertenhall, gent., & bro.-in-law W'm Anglesey to be supervisors. Pr. 24 Sept. 1627.

THOMAS THURGOOD, of Gaslins, in Southill, gent., 4 Jan. 1648. To wife Margaret the 3rd part of my estate in Gaslins. To the 4 children of my now wife & the one she now goeth withall my lease & all my moveable goods. To eld. s. John my house and lands in Gaslins, in default of heirs male to s. Nicholas, in default to next heir. To da. Mary Upwood 5*s.* Son Nich. to be sole exor. To Mr. Taylor, of Southill, 40*s.* to preach my funeral sermon. Pr. 20 Jan. 1648.

MATHIAS TAYLOR, of Eaton Socon, Esq., 17 July, 1676. To my loving wife Mary all my goods & chattels whatsoever, & I appoint her sole extrix. Pr. 28 Sep. 1676.

ROBERT THOROWGOOD, of Potton, gent., 30 Mar. 1679. If my wife Mary be with child at my death I bequeath to such child my college lease & my tithes in Gamlingay co. Camb. late purchased of Dr. Edward Reed, in default of such issue, to wife Mary until my brother Richard T. shall attain the age of 21, when he is to have the remdr. of the lease in satisfaction of all legacies given unto him by my father Edward T. charged on lands situate in Tadloe, co. Camb. which I late sold to Sr. George Downeinge. To brother Richard & his heirs for ever all my freehold lands in Potton, he to pay to testator's wife the sum of £200. All my farming stock &c. to wife Mary towards the repayment to my mother-in-law Mrs. Parratt, of the sum of £780 which I owe her. Appoints wife Mary sole extrix. Pr. 10 Apr. 1679. Admon. granted to relict Mary.

ANN VAUX, of Holcott, 14 Aug. 1670. To be bur. in the ch. yard of H. near my mother. To father William V. £5 & 40*s.*, to my lady to buy her a ring 20*s.*, to Mr. Pynsent Chernock a 5*s.* piece of silver, to little Miss Diana a 5*s.* piece of gold, to Mr. Geoffrey 5*s.* to buy him a pair of gloves, to Ann Sickling a mourning ring & to Thomas S. 20*s.*, to the 3 maids of Mrs. Pynsent

Chernocke a white hood each. Mentions Uncle John. To Mr. Paine 10*s.* to preach my funeral sermon, to little Thomas Pearse my bible, to brother John V. my house & residue, he to be sole exor. Pr. 6 Oct. 1670. Admon. granted to John Vaux, the brother.

JOHN WYNGATE, of Chalgrave, 8 Apr. 1532. To be bur. in ch. yard of All hallowes, Chalgrave. To Alice my wife certain parcel of land called 'Masons,' for which land I will that she cause to be said or sung in the church of allhallowes in Chalgrave for my soul and all crysten soulls every yere V masses for evermore that ys to wett on of the holy gost the second of the trinite the thred of the assumcion the fourth of the v worrds, the vth of Requiem. After the death of my wife to da. Elizabeth & her heirs, to fulfil the same conditions and on failure of heirs the ch'wardens & the holl p'r'che to enter the sd. lande called Masons to use as aforesaid for evermore. Residue to wife Alice whom he makes sole extrix. Witnesses Sir John Barford, vicar, &c. I will that yff yt fortune the said Elizabeth my dowghter to depte w'out heyres of her body lawfully begotten then the said lands to Remaine to the churche wardens and holl p'iche of Chalgrave and they to use the said lands for behoue and profett of the said churche for eu^r^more. Proved 4 June, 1532.

EDMUND WYNGATE, clerk & master of the chantrie of Chicksands, 17 July, 1532. To be bur. in the chapel of St. Leonard at the "grese of the autor" w^th^in the par. ch. of Chalgraue. To Dame Katherin Wyngayt professed nun in Elstow 40*s.*, to Elizabeth my servant, to Edmund Wyngayt my godson sundry bequests, to the church of Hockliffe to buy a chalice £3 6*s.* 8*d.*, to Edmunde Chanon in Dunstable 3*s.* 4*d.*, to Sir Nicholas Hey porcioner of Toddington 6*s.* 8*d.* Sir Thomas Calward & Robert Fayrford to be exors. William Fossey parson of Milton [Bryan] to be supervisor. No probate annexed.

WILLIAM WAUTON, of Elstow, gent., 16 July, 1590. To be bur. in the chancel of Elstow near unto my brother George Waulton. To Bridget Waulton, my wife, my dwelling house called Cooper's, with all lands, &c., also a house called Tibald's in Elstow, also all leases held of the Queen in Elstow. To son-in-law Thomas Cooper a house called Cokes with 5 roods of ground. Frances, wife of Thomas Cooper. Da. Elizabeth, Walton, s. of Thomas

Cooper. Makes wife Bridget extrix. Witnessed by Thomas Archer, Rector of Houghton Conq. Proved 30 July, 1590.

THOMAS WATTS, of Biddenham, gent., 9 Feb. 1600. To goddaughter Ellen Watts, d. to George W., my nephew £40, to sister Ursula Watts £10, to cousin Mary Allen, of maug^rhang^r £3 6*s.* 4*d.*, to cousin William Butler £3 6*s.* 8*d.*, to cousin Ursula Butler £10, to cousins Gittos, W. Newton, senr., Thomas Butler, Oliver Butler, Katherine Butler, Elizabeth Butler, Mrs. Anne Farrer, & W'm Newton, junr. 20*s.* apiece. Appoints W. Newton overseer. Residue to cosin Ursula, whom he appoints extrix. Proved 23 Apr. 1601.

MARKE WATTS, late of Sundon, Vicar, dec^d. Nuncupative will, 31 Jan. 1599. Da. Joane to have bedstead, &c., da. Eliz'th to have a brown cow. His land 23 acres to be equally divided between his two sons, Thomas & Matthew. Residue to wife Joane. Brother Matthew to be steward. Admon. granted to Joane widow 23 Nov. 1600.

WILLIAM WATSON, of Ampthill, 17 Sept. 1605. To be bur. in Ampthill ch'yard. To son Jeremy 40*s.* To Thomas, s. of William Blythe, of Ampthill, 2 tenements. Mentions da. Alice Blythe, & Mary, Joane, Eliz'th, daurs. of Wm. Blythe. To Oliver, s. of John Browne, 20*s.* Appoints William Blythe sole exor. Pr. 25 Oct. 1605.

FRANCIS WOODMANSEY, of Podington, Clerke, & Vicar, 26 Aug. 1607. To be bur. under a stone lying within the ground a foot from the dial on the south side. Towards the repair of the ch. 2 of the best timber loggs in my yard, & a book called Dr. Bullinger's decades to be laid by Mr. Jewell's booke upon a like desk for every man to read during the pleasure of God & to be made fast with one chain, and also a long ladder to be in the church for the clerke to sweep the roof when need is. To s. Nicholas W. a doublet of buffine, a pr. of breeches & 1 flax shirt, a bow and a sheaf of arrows, a sword and a dagger, one longhe bill, one axe, one howe, one handsaw, a griftinge saw, a joynter, a staffe plaine, a spoakeshave wth other cheesells lyinge on my study bench, &c. To Thomas, s. of Nicholas W., 3*s.* 4*d.*, my owld long black gown not furred, & to his da. Eliz'th 3*s.* 4*d.* To Henry & Francis sons of John Woodmancy decd. 3*s.* 4*d.* apiece, to their sister Amy 3*s.* 4*d.* To da. Priscilla a cow, to da. Sibyl

20*s.*, da. Eliz'th. To my friend Mr. Payne my polleaxe for a horseman. Residue to daurs. Priscilla & Sybil, whom he appoints exors. Dr. Buckley, William Bletsoe, gent., & Daniel Clarke to be overseers. Pr. 14 Jan. 1607.

ROBERT WALLER, of Bedford, gent., 4 June, 1607. To be bur. in the church of St. Paul. To s. William & his heirs dwellinghouse at Bedford, to s. Thomas a messuage, to s. Samuel a close of pasture called water close, to eld. s. Robert 10*s.*, to d. Alice, wife of Thomas Phillipp, of Huntingdon, 10*s.*, to d. Dorothy Fletcher a silver goblet, to d. Dove a silver goblet. To the children of my s^d d. Dove £20, which William Waller, of Millbrooke, & Robert W., my sons, are to pay me. To Agnes Butterton, my daur's da. and to Milicent her dau. £5 apiece. To Mary Moorer, my d. Rose's child, £10. Residue to s. William, whom I make sole exor. Thomas Hawes, sen^r., gent., and William Payne, gent., overseers. Pr. 31 Oct. 1608.

HENRY WHITEBREAD, of Upper Gravenhurst, yeoman, 1612. To eld. s. Lawrence W. my tithe of arable lands belonging to the messuage of 1½ acre called Phillippes at decease of my wife Alice, to s. Henry 12*d.*, to s. Thomas the tithe of certain lands lying in Eyne called Elstoe tithe, to John Whitebreade & his heirs a house, &c., called Roses, to Henry, s. of Lawrence, a ewe lamb. Residue to wife Alice whom he appoints sole extrix. Sons Thomas and John to be overseers. Pr. 13 Apr. 1613.

THOMAS WHITBREAD, of Eyon, in par. Over Gravenhurst, husbandman, 2 Aug. 1614. To mother Alice 20*s.*, to wife Dorothy the tithe called Elstowe tithe, being in the fields of Over & Nether Gravenhurst & Eyon. William Whitbread, of Eyon, s. of Lawrence, my brother. To brother John ½ of certain tithe. Residue to wife Dorothy, whom he appoints sole extrix. William Whitbread to be overseer. Pr. 20 Aug. 1614.

DOROTHY WALLER, of S. Mary's, Bedford, wid., 3 Nov. 1615. To be bur. in ch. of St. Mary, by my late deceased husband. To eld. s. Lewes 40*s.*, 2nd s. James £10, da. Anne W. £3, da. Wodden W. £7, da. Susan W. £7, also 20*s.* for a bedstead wch the lady Winche, her godmother, did give her. To da.-in-law Jane Waller 40*s.*, da. Katherine £10 & residue, & makes her sole extrix. Mr. Thomas Hawes, & Mr. Robert Hawes, his brother, to be overseers. Pr. 26 Nov. 1615.

JOHN WINNE, 21 Aug. 1628. To be bur. in par. ch. of

Eyworth. To eld. s. all my lands in Wrestlingworth 7½ acres, to next s. £20, wife Martha, uncle Robert W. 10*s.*, cozen and godson John Winne, s. of my Uncle William W. dec^d. 5*s.*, aunt Keifford 5*s.*, goddaur. Mary Blighton 10*s.* Residue to wife Martha, sole extrix. Pr. 20 Oct. 1628.

ELLENOR WHITBREAD, of Elstow, wid., *nunc.* will. No date. In presence of Henry & William Whitbread. To eld. s. William a silver measure, after his decease to his eld. s. Henry, & after his decease to his eld. s. William to be a standard for ever unto the heir of the Whitbreads. To godsons William & Henry Whitbread a silver spoon apiece, to goddaur. Elenor, sister of Henry, a silver spoon & a porridge pot. To William Spencer a silver spoon, being my godson, to goddaur. Elenor W., da. of John W., a silver spoon & a porridge pot, to godson John W. a silver spoon, to Thomas Spencer 46*s.* 8*d.* Son John to be exor. Pr. 18 Apr. 1629.

HENRY WHITBREAD, of Cardington, yoeman, 14 Dec. 1633. To wife Elizabeth £80, to s. John £5 a year for life, to da. Elizabeth £10 & to her da. Elenor £10, to da. Frances £40, to daurs. Elenor, Mary, & Anne £100 apiece. Residue to s. Henry, sole exor. Appoints brother William W., William Brudden, of Hitchin, Thomas Margetts, of Bedford, & Henry Whitbread, of Lewton, to be overseers. Pr. 25 Jan. 1633.

ELIZABETH WILSMER, of Sandy, wid., 4 Nov. 1660. To bro. Robert Bromsall, of Sandy, £10, and his wife Grace £3, to Robert, s. of Thomas Bromsall, of St. Martins, London, £5, to Henry Smyth, of Sandy, grocer, 10*s.*, to brother George Shawe my watch, to sister Frances Shawe, wife of George, £20, to Eliz'th Dixon £10, to William, s. of George Shawe, £10, to son-in-law George Wilsmer £10, & to his brother Richard £10, to s. of Richard Wilsmer £5, to servant Mary Bromsall £5, to Dr. Walsall two pieces to buy him a ring, & to his da. Eliz'th Walsall 20*s.*, to Mrs. Foster, of Bedford, a piece to buy a ring, to John Springe, of Sandy, & his wife 10*s.* ea., to Mary Bromsall, of Beeston, 20*s.*, to Eliz'th Bromsall, my grandchild, my best bed, &c., & £30, to Eliz'th, Mary, & Alice, 3 daurs. of s^d John Bromsall, all the rest of my linen, to grandchildren Mary & Alice Bromsall £30 apiece. To Margt., wife of Robt. Richardson, my silver cup, to Agnes, wife of William Bromsall, Susan Walker, Sarah,

wife of Thomas Smith, Judith, wife of John Skilliter, Susan Richardson, & Anne Somers 5*s.* ea. to buy them gloves, to my s. John Bromsall £10, to brother Robert Bromsall my husband's sealed ring & silver cup. Appoints brother Robert Bromsall, & sister Frances Shawe exors. Pr. 1 Feb. 1660. Admon. granted to Robt. Bromsall, Frances, wife of George Shawe, clk., renounced.

THOMAS WARNER, of Wilstead, gent., 23 Aug. 1662. To eld. s. Thomas a farm in W., to da. Sarah W. £200, to youngest s. Joseph £250, to youngest da. Susan £200. Brother Edward W., of Wilstead, & William Cropley, of Bourne, co. Camb., gent., to be exors. Cosen George Baker, of Cranfield, gent., & my bros. John & George Warner, of Wilstead, to be overseers. Pr. 26 Nov. 1665.

HENRY WHITBREAD, of Cardington, gent., 22 Sep. 1675. To Henry, eld. s. of Henry Watson, decd., my cottage in the breach where his mother & he now live; to his sister 40*s.* To Alice, wife of William Bull, of Cardington, my silver tankard, after her dec. to her eld. child, in default of issue then to the eld. child of her brother, Ambrose Reddall, of Eversholt. Brother-in-law Robert Smith of Rowny. To Eliz'th Dennis my cottage at Fenlake, to Robert Bell, junr , my 2 gold rings & six silver spoons, to 2 eld. daurs. of my kinsman Mr. William Hardy, of Weston, £10 ea., to 2 eld. daurs. of my kinsman Thomas Whitbread, of Westm. £10 ea., to 5 children of Giles Tailour, £5 ea., to Elizabeth, wife of Robt. Smith, of Rowny, my dwelling-house in C. & certain lands, for life, reversion to Eleanor, wife of Luke Spencer, of Maulden, clk. To brother-in-law Robt. Smith, land at Eastcotts, to the children of my kinsman, Thomas Shephard, of N. Gravenhurst, £50, to the children of my kinsman, John Ashbolt, of Willington, £25, to the children of my kinsman, John Brace, of Rowney, £25. For the highways of Cardington certain lands. Desires friend John Pateman, of Hardmeade, clk., kinsman Ambrose Reddall, of Eversholt, & William Bull, of Cardington, to be overseers. Elizabeth, wife of Robt. Smith, to be sole extrix. Pr. 30 Sep. 1676.

FRANCIS WEST, of Hockliffe, gent., 31 Mar. 1690. To kinsmen Joseph Cooper, of Tebworth, & William Grant, of Egginton, yeomen, £400, to be invested in freehold land, & the proceeds thereof to be distributed among the poor of Hockliffe & Chalgrave in equal

shares for the encouragement of literature & learning. To wife Joanna all landed estates for life in the par. of H., reversion to my kinsman Francis West, of Cheapside, London, haberdasher. To wife leasehold messuages in Winchester Court near Muggwell St., within Cripplegate, Ldn., & premises in Addlestreet nr. Aldermanbury, after her dec. to sd. Francis W., on condition that he pay to ea. child of my kinsmen Joseph Cooper, Joseph Grant, kinswomen Mary Mitchell, Elizabeth Cooper, Sarah Ward, kinsman John Francklyn, kinswomen Mary Gardiner, Margaret Howard, Jane Trantum, Elizabeth Montford, £5, & unto kinsman Fcs. Francklyn, £20. Residue to wife Johanna, sole extrix. Pr. in P.C.C. 10 Nov. 1690.

N.B.—*This series of Abstracts up to* 1700 *is now concluded; the next number will contain a few miscellaneous abstracts which should have appeared in their proper order, but which were overlooked.*

Gleanings from Parish Registers.

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DEAN.

Marriages.

1568	Dec.	5	**Bourne—Neale**, Thos., & Elizabeth.
1569	Nov.	14	**Neale—Grindon**, Richarde, gent., & Elizabeth, gent.
1571	Oct.	8	**Dillingham—Warde**, Robert, & Agnes.
1581	Nov.	21	**Swan—Dillingham**, Thos., & Mary.
1586	Jul.	5	**Abolus—** ,, Gabriel, & Elizabeth.
1589	Oct.	5	**Eston—Freshwater**, Robert, & Mary.
1590	,,	8	**Graunte ?—Neale**, William, & Alce.
1592	Apr.	18	**Robines—** ,, Alexander, & Katherine.
1594	Jun.	20	**Peacock—Dillingham**, Henry, & Elizabeth.
1595	Oct.	1	**Welles—Neale**, Francis, & Bridgit.
1598	Jul.	29	**Selbie—Dillingham**, William, & Thomasin.
1607	Feb.	2	**Coleman—** ,, Wm., & Thomasin.
1616	May	14	**Bromsall—Allen**, Thos., & Dorothy.
1633	Oct.	9	**Temple—Boone**, Mr. Saml., & Mary.
1640	Jul.	6	**Tyler—Dillingham**, Edward, & Anne.

1668	Oct.	12	**Dillingham—Purney**, Thos., & Sarah.
1686	Jul.	1	**Wagstaffe—Dillingham**, Rd., & Sarah.
1707	Sep.	10	**Eaton—Barry**, Thos., & Sarah, of this par.
1716	May	1	**Neale—Williamson**, John, of Thurleigh, & Susanna, of Ravensden.
1727	Feb.	27	**Jeffery—Boundy**, James, of Rusden, & Jane, of this par.
1737	Apr.	4	**Paine—Neale**, Thos., & Hannah, both of this par.
,,	Dec.	29	**Barker—Fox**, Thomas, of Rushden, co. Northton, & Grace, of this par.
1752	May	1	**Fox—Fox**, Mr. John, & Mary, both of this par.

BURIALS.

1566	Sep.	9	**Neale's** wife.
1568	Aug.	21	**Dillingham**, Judeth.
1569	Nov.	22	**Eston**, Elizabeth, d. of Wm.
1570	Sep.	8	**Moringe**, Henry, Curate.
1574	Jul.	12	**Dillingham**, Walter, s. of Wm.
1575	Mar.	6	**Neale**, Richard, gent.
,,	May	28	**Dillingham**, Thos., s. of Rt.
1578	Jun.	5	**Eston**, Thomasin, d. of Wm.
,,	,,	10	**Dillingham**, Margery, d. of Thos.
1580	Nov.	2	,, Walter.
,,	Dec.	29	,, Thos.
1581	Apr.	29	**Neale**, Francis, s. of Thos.
1588	May	27	**Dillingham**, Francis.
,,	Sep.	19	**Neale**, Ellen, d. of William [qy. Richard].
,,	Oct.	15	**Dillingham**, John, s. of Thomas.
1590	Jun.	22	,, Mary, d. of William.
1593	Mar.	12	**Eston**, William.
1594	Mar.	3	**Dillingham**, Katherine, d. of Henry.
1596	,,	8	**Neale**, Thos., son of Thos.
,,	May	8	**Dillingham**, Mary, d. of Rt.
1597	Aug.	18	**Fisher**, Mr. George, Preacher and Minister of Stotfold.
,,	Sep.	24	**Dillingham**, John, s. of Henry.
,,	,,	28	,, Ellen, wife of William.
,,	Oct.	13	,, Thos., s. of ,,
,,	Feb.	2	**Freeman**, a child of Mr. Thomas.
,,	Mar.	21	**Luke**, Alice, wife of Richard.
1598	Nov.	7	**Dillingham**, Thomasine, widow of Thomas.
1601	Oct.	26	,, Anne, d. of Henry.
,,	,,	29	**Foxe**, Christ[r].
1603	Dec.	10	**Dillingham**, John, the elder.
1605	May	2	,, a child of George.
1606	Feb.	28	,, a child of John.

1610	Sep.	7	**Eston**, Richard.
,,	Dec.	19	**Foxe**, Christr., son of Oliver.
1617	Apr.	25	,, Martha, d. of Christr.
1619	Oct.	28	**Eston**, Sarah.
1623	Sep.	24	**Foxe**, Perse.
,,	Nov.	6	,, Christr., s. of Oliver.
1626	May	5	,, Beatrice.
1627	May	1	**Eston**, Mrs. Margaret.
1628	Sep.	17	**Foxe**, Alice.
1631	Jan.	2	**Eston**, Richard.
1633	Apr.	27	,, Joane.
1636	,,	26	,, Alice.
1637	Nov.	13	**Neale**, Thos.
,,	Dec.	4	**Dillingham**, Bridget.
1638	Nov.	14	**Estone**, Thos., s. of Rt.
1641	Oct.	16	**Neale**, Mrs. Anne, wife of Mr. Peter.
,,	Jan.	1	**Dillingham**, Mrs. Anne.
,,	Mar.	23	,, Susana, wife of Thomas.
1642	Mar.	31	**Pomfret**, Lydia, wife of Peter.
1644	May	13	**Dillingham**, Rebecca, d. of John & Sarah.
1646	May	3	,, Rebecca, d. of John & Sarah.
,,	Feb.	24	,, Christr.
1647	May	15	,, Thos., senr.
1648	Jul.	—	,, Martha, wife of Thomas.
1651	Sep.	24	**Neale**, Mrs. Anna, wife of Mr. John.
1654	Aug.	25	**Pomfret**, Peter, s. of Peter.
,,	Sep.	1	**Dillingham**, Thos.
,,	,,	13	,, Martha, d. of Thos.
1655	May	13	,, Isaac, s. of John.
1657	Jan.	3	**Foxe**, a son of Christr.
,,	Feb.	23	**Easton**, Thos., s. of Rt.
1658	Apr.	21	**Pomfret**, Marye, wife of Peter.
,,	May	10	**Easton**, Judith, d. of Robert.
,,	,,	20	**Foxe**, Christr., the elder.
1664	May	11	**Neale**, Mrs. Eliz., d. of John, Esq.
,,	Mar.	14	,, Mrs. Eunice, wife of Mr. Noah.
1665	Apr.	6	**Rowlett**, John, son of Mr. John.
1666	Dec.	25	**Easton**, Martha, d. of widow.
1667	Sep.	—	**Brighte**, Mr.
,,	,,	19	**Eston**, Mrs., wid.
,,	Nov.	4	**Dillingham**, widow.
1670	Sep.	16	,, John, at Townsend.
1671	Jun.	14	,, Sarah, wife of John.
1673	Nov.	3	**Neale**, Eliz., d. of Mr. Paule.
1674	Jul.	24	**Rowlett**, Mrs. Mary, d. of John, Clark.
1675	Jun.	3	,, John, Clerke.
1680	Sep.	10	**Eston**, Dorothy, wid.
1683	Oct.	4	**Fox**, Martha, d. of Mr. Christr.

1684	Jul.	12	**Dillingham**, John, senr., of Nether Deane.
1685	Nov.	4	,, John, senr.
1697	,,	26	,, John.
,,	Dec.	18	,, Comfort.
1698	Jul.	14	**Fox**, Jane, wife of Thos.

Monumental Inscriptions.

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FELMERSHAM.

"Here lyes the Body of Richard Otway citizen
and Marchant Tayler of London who was borne
and dyed in this parish after he had lived in
the feare of God threescore & foorteene yeares
as by his deeds of piety and charity may appeare
He was bvried the 10 of ianvarie 1621 stilo angliae
jam sepultus tandem resurgam."—(*Brass*).

"Here lieth the | Body of Oliuer | Rands son of | Oliuer Rands Gent. | And Catherine | His wife who | Departed this | Life March | the 12th 1675."

"Here lyeth the Body of | Iohn Leach | 1687 | Here also lieth the body of | Mr. William Leach"—(remainder hid under the organ); Arms,—Ermine, on a chief indented, three crowns.

"Here lyeth y^e Body of | Martha the wife of | William Aspin | Esqr who was one of | y^e daughters of S^r | Thomas Duppa | K^t. Gentleman Usher of | the Black Rod. She Dep | arted this Life the Six & | Twentyth day of January | Anno Dom. 17$\frac{17}{18}$."

"Here lieth the Body of | Oliver Rands Gent who | Deceased Septr the 22, 1721."

"Here Lieth the body of | Mr. Daniel Berry | Citizen and Distiller of | London | Who Departed this Life | September y^e 16, 1734 | Aged 68 years."

"Also the Body of | Mrs. Jane Berry | Wife of the abovesaid | Mr. Daniel Berry | Who Departed this Life | March the 13th 1736 | In the 75th year | of her age."

There are also stones, partly obliterated, to the memory of Martha wife of Mr. Berry ob. 15 August 1739, & to John Berry, gent., who ob. 5 April 1748 æt. 80.

"Here Lieth ye Body of | MICHAEL son of ye Rev^d | Mr. MICH^L FIRTH & | MARY his Wife who | Departed this life y^e | Twelfth day of August | in ye year of our Lord | one Thousand seaven | hundred & Thirty eight | Seaven weeks old."

"Here Lieth The Body of | Mrs. MARTHA BERRY | spinster who departed | this life the twentyfifth day | of October in the year of our Lord 1745 in ye seventy | first year of her age."

"Here lies Buried | The Body of | DANIEL ye son of | DANIEL BERRY | Gent. and MARY | His wife. he Dep^ted | This life Septr 8th | 1749 Aged 10 weeks | and 3 days."

"In memory | of the Revd MICHAEL FIRTH | Vicar of this Parish | who dep^d this life Novr 3 1755 | Aged 47."

"MATTHEW COCK Esq. | Departed this life | the first day of Nov. | 1761 Aged 36 | years."

"Here | Lieth the Body of | DANIEL BERRY GENT. | Who departed this Life | March 16th 1777 | Aged 51 years."

FLITTON.

"Hic jacet dña Alianora Conquest qõdm̃ vxor Henrici Conquest militis qui obiit in A° dni M° CCCC quartio (*sic*) quarto cu' aie ppeict' d^s A."

[Thos Warr]"cu gentleman & Elizabeth his wyff | . . . . . of October A° M^r^c xlviij In pe xxxiij | . . . . . on whose soules Jhu haue m'cy amen."

"Here lyeth the Body of Mr. FRANCIS LOVELL | Who died the 25 of Decemb^r | In the yeare of ovr Lord 1676."

"Here lyes the Honble THEOPHILUS | GREY third son of Anthony | Earle of Kent, of Burbage | in the county of Leicester | He dyed ye 30th of March 1679 | Aged 74 years."

GOLDINGTON.*

Brass in E. wall of Chancel :—

The english of ye first four verses :—

"A fairer tombe woulde better have beseemde
A man of such desert as here is layed,
Great Pompe he did forbid even at his ende
And lesse than this for shame could not be saied."

* Extracted from MS. 170 at Woburn Abbey.

The english of ye other four verses :—

"Thy life was wholie given
To God, to frendes, and countreis good,
And so to ende thy daies
Herein thy praises cheefly stoode,
Stay, reade and pause a while
And then departing saye,
Thrise happie such a life
Thrise happie such a dying daie."

"ROBERTI HATLEY Armigeri
He died in the yeare of our Lord 1585
the 18th of September."

"Here lyeth the Body of ROBERT | HASELDEN Esquire He dyed | tho 29 of May 1640 | Whose first wife was MARY | The daughter of ROBERT | CASTELL Esq. by whom he had 4 sonnes 7 daughters | She died the 20 june 1623 & Margaret his second wife | By whom he had no issue | She dyed the 15 March Anno D. 1640."

"Here lyeth mixed | with his Grandfather's | dust BENJAMIN HASELDEN | Nov: 1676 | Here lyeth the body of | ELIZABETH HASELDEN | 5th daughter of ROBERT | HASELDEN Esq: who | died the 23 of August | Anno D. 1642 | Semper eadem."

"Here lyeth also ye Body | of ROBERT HASELDEN Eldest | Son of BEN. HASELDEN | who died ye 11th of April | 1682 | aged 30 years and left issue | by Ann | his wife 3 sons and one daughter."

"To the Memory of | BENJAMIN HASELDEN | of this place Esqre | He married CATHERINE ye daughter of | JOHN BERKELEY of Colmouth in this county | Gent^n who erected this monument & by whom | He had 4 sones & one daughter. He died the | 27th day of November 1676 | in ye 49th year of his age compleat."

"Underneath this marble lieth interred | KATHERINE relict of the above-named BEN. HASELDEN | She died on the 12th day of October in the | 64th year of her age And in ye year of our Lord | 1694."

"In Memoriam | JOANIS PEMBERTON Gen. | quem præmatura mors (heu nimis | crudelis) nullis mota precibus lachrymisq; | maxime sonoris surda in ipso juventutis |

flore carpsit et suis amplexibus arripuit | Hoc supremum amoris sui τεκμήριον | cui internam et perpetuâ suis pectoribus | sacravit sedem dedit posintaq; ELIZABETHA | charissima conjux unica filia BEN." | "HASELDEN cujus tibi memorian representat adsitum marmor. Obiit decimo tertio | die Jan^r. Ano Milles sexcentes° Octages° | Septimo Ætatis suæ Viges^o Sexto | Reliquit progenie" ex prædicta Elizabetha | duos filios totidemq; filias E quibus una | posthuma fiut. Infantes omnes quos | præchara mutui amoris pignora, pia | conjux tenerrimi amplectitur alit fovetq; | quibus concedat omnipotens prosperimam | Salutem paternos annos det plurimum | superare, eorq; unica charissima matris | Solatia benigne protegat."

"In memoria virtutem JOANES LANGDALE* | hujus loci nuper Vicarii posteris pereat | quæ hac ætate omnium laudabis et insigni fama celebratæ sunt ELIZABETHA E veterina | HASELDENONI hujus loci prosapiâ qui | Sponsa ejus vix conjux dici potest, decem | non ultra dies durante illorum conjugio | hoc posuit marmor." etc., etc.

"Here lieth the Body of | BENJAMIN HASELDEN Gent who died on the 14th | day of May in ye year 1697 | and in ye 25th year of his age | and left issue two daughters | ELIZABETH & CATHERINE."

"Here lyeth ye body of | JOHN eldest son of | JOHN PEMBERTON Gent | by ELIZABETH only daughter of | BENJAMIN HASELDEN Esq. | A young man of the most promising hopes | He died on the 1st of Feb. in ye year 1700 | in ye 16th year of his age."

"Here also lyeth the body of | CATHERINE PEMBERTON one of the daughters of the said | JOHN PEMBERTON & ELIZABETH his wife | She departed this life on the 8th day of May | in the year of our Lord 1729 & of her age 43."

"Here lies the body of Mrs. ELIZABETH HASELDEN | Late wife of Mr. JAMES HASELDEN | Citizen & cloth worker of | London who departed this life | October ye 30th 1720 | Aged 32 years."

"Here also lieth the body of the said | JAMES HASELDEN late of London Gent. | Who departed this life Oct. 9th 1732 aged 45."

"Here lieth interred the body of | RICHARD HILLERSDEN Esq. | third son of THOS. HILLERSDEN of Elstow | in this County Esq. | He died Dec. 31st 1735 | Aged 48 years."

* Vicar of Goldington, 1676-81.

"Here also lieth | the Body of ELIZABETH his wife | eldest dau. of BENJAMIN HASELDEN | late of this parish Esq. She died | Oct. 14th 1722. Aged 27 years"

"Here lyeth the Body of | ELIZABETH HOBBS relict of | JOSEPH HOBBS Clerk | Late Rector of Colmworth | in this County | And daughter of BENJAMIN HASELDEN Esq. | late of this parish | She departed this life in a | joyfull expectation of a Better | April ye 23rd in ye year of our Lord 1726 & of her age 70."

THE PANIC OF 1794.

THE subjoined cuttings from *The Star* of 1794 are of interest as showing how readily the people of Bedfordshire rose to the occasion under the apprehension of a French invasion! Considering the population of the county at that period, the amount raised totals up to a respectable figure; the clergy, moreover, appear to have responded liberally. It would be interesting if one could come across the original documents connected with this scare, to learn the total amount raised, and the names of those who volunteered to accept commissions. In 1793 the Bedfordshire Militia was embodied for the third time for service, under the command of Colonel the Earl of Upper Ossory, and early in March received orders to proceed to camp at Harwich. The camp was broken up on the 6th Nov. 1794, when the Beds Militia marched to Yarmouth and Aldborough, where it was stationed till June, 1794.

BEDFORDSHIRE MEETING.

Swan Inn, Bedford, May 17th, 1794.

THE Meeting of the Committee appointed for the 14th, and postponed to the 17th inst., was held this day:

PRESENT.

The Earl of Upper Ossory, Lord Lieutenant	Richard Orlebar, Esq.
Lord Ongley	William Gibbard, Esq.
Sir Phillip Monoux, Esq.	Francis Moore, Esq.
Phillip Monoux, Esq.	John Miller, Esq.
John Harvey, Esq.	Robert Garstin, Esq.
William Gery, Esq.	Jer. Fish Palmer, Esq.
John Payne, Esq.	William Dawson, Esq.
	John Dilly, Esq.

The LORD LIEUTENANT in the Chair.

The Lord Lieutenant communicated to the Committee the copy of a letter he had received from his Majesty's Secretary of State, in which were the following expressions:

"I have great satisfaction in acquainting your Lordship, that his Majesty feels strongly impressed with the loyalty and zeal which have been manifested by the Noblemen and Gentlemen of the county of Bedford, upon the present occasion."

Resolved,

That it appears to the Committee, that the carrying into execution the plan of Associated Yeomanry on horseback, is not at present likely to succeed.

Resolved therefore,

That the Militia of the county be augmented by Volunteers, to be formed into two additional Companies, and added to the strength of the regiment.

Resolved,

That the Treasurer be directed to call on the Subscribers for two-thirds of their Subscription, immediately.

That this Committee do adjourn to Saturday the 5th of July next.

That these Resolutions be printed in the Northampton Mercury, the Cambridge Chronicle, the Star, the Sun and the General Evening Post.

Amount of the Subscriptions to the 23rd ultimo. £2034 4 0.

ADDED SINCE.

	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
The March. Grey	300	0	0	Mr. James Oliver	5	5	0
John Harvey, Esq.	50	0	0	Rev. John King	5	5	0
Rev. John Filkes	5	0	0	Rev. J. Pemberton	3	3	0
Philip Beach, Esq.	10	0	0	Mr. George Palmer	4	4	0
Mr. E. Jackson, surg.	5	5	0	John Dilly, Esq.	30	0	0
Rev. J. Webster	10	10	0	Wm. Dawson, Esq.	21	0	0
Rev. Dr. Kettilby	10	10	0	Rev. Law. Smith	5	5	0
J. F. Palmer, Esq.	10	10	0	W. Langlay, Esq.	5	5	0
G. Thornton, Esq.	50	0	0				
					£2555	11	0

By order of the Committee,

W. KIMPTON, Secretary.

Subscriptions entered into at the above Meeting:

	£	s.		£	s.
The Lord Lieutenant	300	0	Robert Garston, Esq.	50	0
Lord Vis. Hampden	300	0	Wm. Gibberd, Esq.	21	0
Lord Ongley	200	0	Thos. Alston, Esq.	21	0
Lord Carteret	100	0	Rev. E. Williamson	10	10
Sir G. Osborn, Bart.	100	0	Rev. James Hadow	5	5
S. Whitbread, Esq.	300	0	Rev. John Dixon	10	10
Sir P. Monoux, Bart.	30	0	Rev. John Markham	5	5
W. T. Astell, Esq.	50	0	Rich. Livesey, Esq.	10	0
John Payne, Esq.	50	0	Wm. Theed, Esq.	10	0
Sir G. P. Turner, Bt.	200	0	Mr. Wm. Watkins	5	5
Rev. W. P. Nethersole	5	5	Rev. Chas. Abbott	3	3
J. W. Jennings, Esq.	50	0	Rev. T. Orl. Marsh	3	3
William Gery, Esq.	20	0	Mr. J. Fox, Dean	10	0
Richard Orlebar, Esq.	21	0	Mr. J. Robinson, Ampthill	3	3
Rev. E. Orlebar Smith	10	10	Rev. R. Hele Selby Hele	5	5
Rev. I. Robinson	5	5	Mr. Joseph Pawsey	10	0
Rev. I. Hook	5	5	Rev. W. Hooper	5	5
Rev. Val. Grantham	5	5	Rev. Anth. Danvert	5	5
Sir J. Brooks, Bart	20	0	Mr. Theed Pearse	3	3
Rev. Philip Monoux	10	0	Fran. Moore, Esq.	10	10
Rev. James R. Deare	10	10	John Miller, Esq.	21	0
Rev. George Drury	5	5	Mr. W. Smith, bookseller	2	2
			Mr. J. Wing, Mayor	5	5

The Subscription Paper remains with John Miller, of Bedford, Esq., who is empowered to receive further Subscriptions.

April 23rd, 1794.

At the Committee holden at the Swan Inn, in the Town of Bedford, this day, in Pursuance of the above Resolutions,

The LORD LIEUTENANT in the Chair,

It is ordered,

That John Miller, Esq., Receiver-General of the County, be appointed Treasurer for the Receipt of the subscriptions, under the resolutions of this day.

That Mr. W. Kimpton be appointed Secretary to this Committee.

That any Gentleman of the County, inclined to accept of Commissions in the proposed plan, for the Associated Cavalry, do send their names to the Lord-Lieutenant.

That the plan for Enrolment of the Corps be printed and sent to the Deputy-Lieutenants, the acting Justices, and the chief Constables of the county, requesting that they may be made known in the best and most expeditious manner, in the several districts and parishes.

That a Sub-committee meet occasionally in London, on the requisition of the Lord-Lieutenant.

The Committee adopt, in the first instance, the application of the subscription to the Enrolment of a Corps of Cavalry, according to the 4th article in the plan proposed by Government.

That the Treasurer be authorised to call upon the Subscribers for their several proportions of subscriptions, whenever he is required so to do by the Lord-Lieutenant.

That such persons as shall be willing and desirous to associate upon the present occasion, be requested to deliver their names to the Deputy-Lieutenants, acting Justices, chief Constables, or Treasurer, who are desired to transmit a list of the same to the General Committee, to be holden at the Swan Inn, at Bedford, on Wednesday the 14th day of May next, at 12 o'clock.

Resolved that this Committee do adjourn to that day.

That the above Resolutions, and the Resolutions of the County Meeting, be printed and sent to the Under-Sheriff, requesting him to circulate the same through the country.

That the Resolutions of the General Meeting, and of the Committee, be printed in the Northampton Mercury, Cambridge Chronicle, and in the Star, the Sun, and the General Evening Post. UPPER OSSORY, Lieutenant.

AT a Meeting of the Lord Lieutenant, Noblemen, Gentlemen, Clergy, and Freeholders of the County of BEDFORD, held at the Sessions-House in the Town of Bedford, on Wednesday, the 23rd day of April, 1794, pursuant to an advertisement inserted in the public papers, for taking into consideration measures necessary to be adopted for the Internal Defence of the County, and the Kingdom at large, at this alarming crisis,

The EARL of UPPER OSSORY, Lord-Lieutenant, in the Chair,

The plans recommended by Government were read, and the following Resolutions were proposed by the Lord-Lieutenant and unanimously entered into:

That we are ready and willing at all times to stand forward in a Constitutional manner, in support of our King and Country.

That it is highly expedient, in the present crisis, to take every precaution for the internal defence and security of this county and the kingdom at large.

That a subscription be entered into, to be applied under the sanction of Parliament, to some or all of the following purposes, as may be determined upon by a Committee to be chosen immediately, viz.

1st. To augment the existing Militia of the County, by Volunteers or Volunteer Companies.

2d. To raise a Troop or Troops of Fencible Cavalry.

3d. To train, exercise, and defray other expences of Associated Cavalry, according to the fourth proposition recommended by Government, if such should be agreed upon by the Committee.

4th. That it be recommended to such Committee to direct their attention, in the first instance, towards carrying into execution the fourth article of the plan recommended by Government, as being the mode of defence, which will the least interfere with the regular recruiting service; will be attended with the least expence to Government; and will, it is hoped, be an effectual means of providing for the Internal Defence and security of this County in particular, and of the Kingdom in general.

5th. That the Committee do consist of all Subscribers of above ten pounds, and hold their First Meeting this day at the Swan Inn, in Bedford.

6th. That the Thanks of the Meeting, proposed by Sir George Osborn, Bart., and seconded by Lord Viscount Hampden, be given to the Lord-Lieutenant, for having laid the Official Papers he had received from Government before the Meeting, and for having moved the above Resolutions.

7th. That the Thanks of the Meeting be given to Lord Viscount Hampden, for having seconded the above Resolutions.

Signed by Order of the Meeting,
LEO. HAMPSON, Under-Sheriff

ANCIENT CHARTERS, ETC.

(*Transcribed from the originals in the Editor's possession.*)

(CONTINUED FROM p. 247.)

BEDFORD, 1595.

TO ALL XPIAN people to whome theis p'sents shall come. Roberte Parradyne of the towne & Countie of Bedford gent sends greeninge [*sic*] in our Lord god eu^r^lastinge KNOWE yee hereby that the said Robte Parradyne for & in Considerac'on of a c'tayne somme of monye vnto him by Edward Williams of the same towne & Countie gent well & truelie satisfied & payed & for diu^rs^ other good Causes & Considerac'ons him moveinge hathe infeoffed aliened grannted bargayned & sold & by theis p^r^sents dothe inffeoffe alien grannte bargayne & sell vnto

the said Edward Williams his heires & assignes for eu^r one Close of pasture grounde Conteyninge by estimac'on towe acres be ytt more or lesse wth a barne standinge one the southe syde of the said Close wch Close & barne are scytuate Lyinge & beinge in Bedford aforesaid abuttinge northe vppon Lurke Lane & southe vppon myll Lane & weste vppon towe pightells whereof the one is belonginge to the Corporac'on of the said towne of Bedford the other sometyme John Stewklies deceased & eastward in p'te one the streete of St Cutberts & p'tlie one a garden in the tenure of Jonas Androwe & of one Orchard nowe or Late Mr. Hasseldens & nowe or sometyme in the tenure of Nicholas Broughe al's ffurner wth the woods p'ffitts & Comodoties whatsoeu^r to the said Close & barne belonginge or app'teyninge & the Reu^rcon & Reu^rcons of the said Close & barne w^thall Charters Writtings & Mynyments onelie Conc^rninge the same TO HAUE & TO HOLDE the said Close & barne & all & singular other the p^rmisses wth their & eu^rie of their app^rten'nces whatsoeu^r vnto the said Edward Williams his heires & assignes for eu^r to & for the onelie vse & behoufe of the said Edward his heires & assignes for eu^r AND THE said Robte Parradyne for the Considerac'ons aforesaid dothe by theis p^rsents bynd him & his heires to warrante & defend all & singuler the p^rmisses wth their & eu^rie of their app^rten'nces herein before menconed to be bargayned & solde, vnto the said Edward Williams his heires & assignes for eu^r againste himselfe the said Robte & Marie his nowe wife his heires & assignes & againste Dorothie Parradyne mother of the said Robte & againste all other p^rsone & p^rsones whatsoeu^r Lawfullie Claymeinge or p^rtendinge to haue anye estate tytle interrest & demannde of in to or out of the said p^rmisses wth their app^rten'nes or anye p^rte therof by from or vnder them or anye of their tytles. IN WITNESS wherof the said Robte Parradyne to this his p^rsente deed his hand & seale hathe sett dated the Thirtythe day of Marche in the seven & thirtithe yere of the Raigne of our most gracious sou^raigne Ladie Elizabethe by the grace of god of England ffrannce & Ireland Queene defender of the ffaythe &c.

Robert Parradyne.

A LIST OF RECUSANT PRIESTS.

(*Exchequer of Account: First Fruits. Liber Compositionum. P.R.O.*)

"Recusantes Anno 1562.

Bedford, S. John	Henry Smithe,	Incumb.	Vol. v.	f. 140b.
Higham Gobin	Richard Atkinson	do.	"	141
Gravenhurst	John Makebraye	do.	"	141b.
Salford	William Nodson	do.	"	"
Stepingleigh	Ralph Sedeleye	do.	"	"

Ampthill,	Alexander Stockwell, 18 May, 1599, vol. vi. fo. 125.	Recusant,
Arlesey,	Charles Browne, 16 May, 1579, vol. vi. fo. 62.	do.
Bedford, S. Cuth.	Ralph Jones, 31 May, 1583, vol. vi. fo. 84.	do.
Biggleswade,	John Robinson, Vicar, 20 May, 1577, vol. vi. fo. 57b.	do.
Bletsoe,	Richard Dove, 19 May, 1582, vol. vi. fo. 79.	do.
Blunham,	Thomas Norton, 18 May, 1599, vol. vi. fo. 125.	do.
Harrold,	Marmaduke Pullen, Vicar, 11 April, 1577, vol. vi. fo. 57.	do.
Stachden,	John Barow, 5 Jan. 1579, vol. vi. fo. 67b.	do.
Steventon,	William [Ralph] Culchith, 5 Jan. 1579, vol. vi. fo. 67b.	do.
Silshoe,	John Gleeston, 30 May, 1595, vol. vi. fo. 114b.	do.
Stondon,	Thomas Geste, 11 May, 1596, vol. vi. fo. 119.	do.
Studham,	John [Thos.] Hoop', Vicar, 20 May, 1577, vol. vi. fo. 57b.	do.
Tilsworth,	John Lawson, 11 May, 1596, vol. vi. fo. 119.	do.
Wrestlingworth	Thomas [David] Price, Rector, 20 May, 1577, vol. vi. fo. 57b."	do.

PERTENHALL.

CURIOUS OLD MANUSCRIPT.

A correspondent has kindly forwarded to us a curious old scrap relating to this parish. It appears to be the last page out of some old Church Account Book.

The first item is to the effect that in 1708 it was the custom for the Lord of the Manor to keep a Bull and a Boar for the use of the village.

Then follows the following list of Church Furniture: A large folio Bible printed Anno 1634. Two common prayer books in folio. A book of Homilies, Cannons and Articles. A Register Book of Parchment began in the year 1582. A paper booke for the Churchwardens' Accounts. A Communion Table and Rails. A Woollen Carpet of green cloth and fringed with worsted. An Holon Cloath, one pewter Flaggon, one silver Chalice, weight eight ounces and an half and two pennyweights, whereon is engraved [Eules : de Pertenhal], one silver Paton weight five ounces and a quarter and three penny weights, whereon is engraved [Eules de Pertenhall]. A Velvet Cushion, an Holland Surplice, a cover for the Font, a poor box, a table of degrees of marriages, a strong chest with three locks, three Bells and a Bier.

Next follows: Repairs: The Church and Furniture and that part of the Churchyard Fence which adjoins to the Common Highway, being Pales, Rails and Gates are maintained at the charge of the Parishioners. The Chancel and the North and Eastern part of the Churchyard Fence, being a Quick hedge and ditch are maintained by the Rector. On the South the Church Yard is fenced by a pale by the Lord of the Manor, and on the west with a Quick hedge and ditch by the Lord of the Manor also.

Clerk. The offices of Clerk and Sexton are in one person appointed by the Rector, who hath for wages of each Farmer Sixpence and of every other house keeper four pence yearly, together with the accustomed dues, for a Churching fivepence, on publishing Banns Sixpence, for a Marriage one shilling, and for a buryal one shilling and four pence. May 18th, 1708. This is a just and true account as we do verily believe. Tho. Cheyne, Rector. Richard Johnson, Churchwarden. Simon Bass,

Wm. Peacock, Edw. Wawnor, Thos. Gilbowt, Joseph Ward, George Walker, John Ibbot.

Add to the furniture one silver salver, weight ten ounces five penny weight, whereon is engraven [Ex Dono Robt. Paradine. A : M : Rectoris de Pertenhall.]

Query.

WRESTLINGWORTH.—The brook which flows from New England Farm in Tadlow Parish (Cambs.) past Mr. Henry King's homestead in Wrestlingworth is known as Battle brook. A bridge over the brook near the gate to Mr. King's homestead is known as Battle bridge. In a field known as "black hill" on your left as you go from Wrestlingworth to Guilden Morden, some 40 years ago, while draining, bones and black earth were found, the sides of the drains fell in showing that the earth had been disturbed. This spot is on the crest of a low hill; the crops grown here are particularly good. These circumstances seem to indicate that at some period a battle has been fought in this locality; is there any record of such?

H. W. P. S.

Reply.

AN EARLY LOCALLY PRINTED BOOK, viii. 255.—The following records the burial of the printer of the book above referred to :—

Buried.

"1719.—Underhill Robinson printer was buryed May 4th."

I hereby certify that the above is a true and exact copy of an entry in the Register Books of the Parish of Milton Ernest, Beds, extracted thence by me this Eighth day of September in the year of our Lord 1879 by me,

C. C. BEATY-POWNALL,
Vicar of Milton Ernest aforesaid.

BEDFORDSHIRE NOTES AND QUERIES.

S. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, BEDFORD.

(MS. Dd. x, 28, Univ. Lib. Camb.)

Regula fratrum hospitalis Sancti Johannis Bedeford Johannes etc dilectis in christo filiis fratribus hospitalis sancti Johannis Bedeford salutem etc. Decet religiosi habitus portitores aliquarum esse obseruacionum regularium professores alioquin simulatum est habitus sui signum cui signatum minime corespondet, speciem que pietatis habent sed eius abnegant veritatem, sepulcris dealbatis se similes ostendentes que foris hominibus alba patent, set interius spurcicia sunt repleta. ne igitur quod absit tales mercamini nuncupari infrascripta vos volumus et mandamus pro regula obseruare ante omnia continuam caritatem inter vos habentes sine qua nichil proficit ad salutem illa tria sine quibus nulla subsistit religio obedientiam videlicet vestris superioribus exhibendam et continenciam obseruandam vitam sine proprietate ducendam profiteamini et serûctis silencium in ecclesia claustro et dormitorio teneatis et illud idem in refectorio deficientibus hospitibus faciatis ipsisque presentibus cum res exegerit pro edificacione vel honestate aut familiaritate seruanda breuiter et submisse ac modeste. licet vobis loqui et in eo simul comedatis ac in dormitorio quiescatis vniformem que habitum et humulem cum cruce rubea superposita habeatis, a comessacionibus et potacionibus habendis in priuatis cameris et in villa et exitu ad illam sine licencia et sine habitu et precipue ab esu et potu quolibet post completorium caueatis. Et quia humana fragilitas ad

lapsum noscitur esse prona peccata vestra deuote confiteamini prout decet singulis que ebdomadis teneatur capitulum saltem semel in eo excessus sine personarum acceptione rationabiliter corrigantur et contra rebelles ac incorrigibiles procedatur iuxta exigenciam regule beatissimi Augustini hoc semper attento quod pro nulla rebellione vel incorrigibilitate post professionem ad seculum victurus seculariter confrater aliquis emittatur set interius inter vos vel alibi inter fratres vestri habitus penitentiam subeat sue culpe congruam et condignam. Incessus vester in ecclesia et alibi sit honestus, vt nullius sit aspectiu merito offensiuus, diuinumque seruicium cum omni maturitate absque dissolucione aliqua et festinacione nimia peragatur nullusque cessante impedimento legitimo se subtrahat ab eodem, in psalmodizando conueniens metrum fiat, nec sequens versus incipiatur donec precedens terminetur. Diaconus vel subdiaconus aut in euentu necessitatis clericus alius in albis sacerdoti ministret, laici vero conuersi loco matutinarum vicesies dicant oracionem dominicam cum tot salutacionibus virginis gloriose et ad singulas alias horas septem oraciones dominicas cum tot salutacionibus virginis supradicte. reliquie mense vestre in vsus pauperum conuertantur et secundum facultates domus vestre hospitalitas obseruetur. et procurentur infirmi qui in recepcione ante omnia sua confiteantur peccata et de sacramento altaris communicent sic confessi, ac deinde portentur ad lectos singulis que diebus dominicis memoria de seruicio dici dicatur eisdem, et aqua benedicta in domo qua iacuerint aspergatur. pro fratrum decedentium animabus trigint' diebus misse celebrentur, corredia dentur, eorumque indumenta in vsus pauperum conuertantur sigillum vestrum commune sub tribus clauibus conseruetur ter vel quater reddatur compotus annuatim, sine nostra vel successorum nostrorum licencia corredia non vendantur et vestra familia sit honesta non superflua non luxuriosa non contenciosa vel ebriosa aut aliis viciis enormibus irretita. Magister autem ad domus vestre regimen per nos seu successores nostros iuxta morem preteriti temporis assumendus in huius regimine sit sollicitus non remissus semper modestia comitante, ita quod per remissionem sua auctoritas non vilescat nec per verborum asperitatem nimiam seu gestum elatum correccionis in aliis impediatur effectus, cui familiarium domus secularium delinquencium correctio obseruetur et a percussione eorum

si excesserint caueant sibi fratres Ceterum cum vita regularium a secularium vita communi in aliquali abstinencia diuidi deceat seu discerni precipimus vt aduentum domini quadragesimaliter ieiunantes diebus lune et Marcis in quinquagesima ac singulis diebus Mercurii per annum non vtamini carnibus in vescendo sextis feriis a lacticinis abstinendo ordinacionem autem vestram de certis penis pro certis excessibus infligendis nullatenus improbantes vt seruetur per omnia et ad eius obseruacionem suos confratres Magister artare valeat sustinemus, nostro et successorum nostrorum in omnibus iure saluo, videlicet quod frater rebellis Magistro et confratribus aut rixosus per septem dies peniteat quarta et sexta feria in pane et aqua ieiunans et in terra sine mensa et manutergio cibum sumens ac in ecclesia seu capitulo coram fratribus dictis feriis septem recipiat disciplinas. quod que frater percutiens fratrem suum mittatur ad diocesanum absoluendus a sentencia excommunicacionis quam incurret in casu quo absolui poterit per eundem et in casu alio suum consilium auditur' et absolutus per quadraginta dies penitens quarta et sexta feria in pane et aqua ieiunet in terra comedens sine mensa et manutergio vt est dictum et triginta coram fratribus in ecclesia seu capitulo recipiat disciplinas preter penam quam sibi diocesanus duxerit iniungendam quod que frater in villa solus exiens sine licencia sexta feria prox' subsequente in pane et aqua ieiunet et vnam in capitulo coram fratribus recipiat disciplinam. si autem in villa sine licencia comedat siue bibat quarter et sexta feria prox' subsequente in pane et aqua ieiunet et si sic se non correxerit ipsius secundum quantitatem delicti penitentia augeatur, quod que frater apostatans a domo sua et postea reuertens, ac humiliter domum petens quadraginta diebus peniteat quartis et sextis feriis in pane et aqua ieiunans et in terra sine mensa et manutergio cibum sumens et per tantum tempus in aliquo loco moretur a fratrum consorcio segregatus per quantum apostatare presumpsit nisi eius contricio relaxacionis gratiam meruerit ciciorem, quod que si proprietas penes quemquam confratrum inuenta fuerit in morte quam viuens Magistro non ostendit debito seruicio pro defunctis et confratrum careat sepultura. si autem in vita de proprietate aliqua conuincatur, appensa circa collum eius huiusmodi proprietate, si pecunia fuerit numerata per hospitale vestrum nudatis vestibus fustigetur et per quadraginta dies peniteat quarta et sexta feria in

pane et aqua iciunans nisi eius contricio penitenciam huiusmodi cicius exegerit mitigari quodque frater de lapsu carnis diuulgato conuictus septem diebus dominicis post egressum populi de ecclesia fratribus presentibus vniuersis per Magistrum seu alium deputandum ab eo nudatus vestibus in ecclesia durissime flagelletur et per annum integrum subsequentem in aliquo loco segregatus a fratribus sub condigna penitentia teneatur nisi ipsius ad cor reuersio penam huiusmodi meruerit relaxari seu in leniorem mutari pro aliis autem excessibus iuxta regulam beati Augustini penas imponi voluimus et infligi. Dat' apud Buckeden iiij Non' Augustis Anno domini M°CCC sexto et Consecrationis nostre septimo.

Translation.

The Rule of the brothers of the Hospital of St. John Bedford John etc. to his beloved sons in Christ the brothers of the Hospital of St. John Bedford greeting. It behoves the bearers of a religious habit to be the professors of certain regular observances otherwise the seal of their habit is a mere sham. They have the form of piety but deny the truth thereof, showing themselves to be like whited sepulchres which appear to men outwardly white, but within are filled with vileness. Lest therefore (which God forbid) we should be worthy to be named such we wish and ordain the underwritten to be observed for your governance. Above all things have continual charity among yourselves, without which nothing avails for good. Profess and preserve these things as no religion exists where they are lacking viz. obedience to your superiors, continence, and an existence without property. Keep silence in the church, the cloister, and the dormitory, and the same in the refectory. Whether guests be present or not make provision for what is required, according to circumstances, for edification, decency and sociability. It is permissible for you to speak briefly and in a low quiet voice, and there you shall eat together. Preserve quiet in the dormitory, and have a uniform and humble habit with a red cross upon it. Beware of eating and drinking in private rooms both in the town and going out to it without permission and without the habit, and especially of any food or drink after compline. Moreover since human frailty is known to be prone to fall, confess your sins

devoutly as is fitting. Let the Chapter be held every week, at all events once. Let excesses in it be punished in a reasonable manner without respect of persons, and let those who rebel and are incorrigible be proceeded against according to the exigency of the rule of the blessed Augustine, bearing this always in mind that no fellow brother for any rebellion or incorrigibility may be sent forth, after his profession, to live in a secular manner in the world, but let him undergo the meet and fitting punishment of his fault within amongst you or [amongst] the brothers of your habit. Let your bearing in Church and elsewhere be honest that it may deservedly be offensive to the sight of none, and let the divine service be performed with all promptitude without any intermission and undue delay and let no one withdraw himself from the same except for a legitimate reason. In psalm-singing the metre should be convenient and a second verse not begun before the preceding one has terminated. Let the deacon or sub-deacon or in case of necessity another cleric serve the priest in surplice, but the lay brethren in place of matins may say the Lord's Prayer twenty times with the like number of Hail Maries, and at all other hours seven Lord's Prayers and seven Hail Maries. Let the remains from your table be turned to the use of the poor and according to the means of your house exercise hospitality and let the sick be looked after who on reception before all else let them confess their sins, and being so confessed receive the sacrament of the altar and then carry them to their beds, and on all Sundays a memorial of the service of the day shall be said to them and holy water sprinkled in the place where they have lain. Masses shall be celebrated twenty days for the souls of departed brothers. Let their corrodies be given and their clothing be turned to the use of the poor. Your common seal shall be kept under three keys and an account be rendered three or four times in the year. Corrodies may not be sold without the permission of us or of our successors. Let your household be honest not excessive, luxurious, or addicted to drink or fettered by other great vices. The Master for the governance of your house shall be adopted by us or our successors after the manner of past times. Let him be guarded in his rule, not remiss, always accompanied by modesty so that his authority be not impaired by slackness nor the effect of his correction hindered in

others by excessive sharpness of speech or by haughty bearing. The correction also of the secular failings of the household is likewise invested in him. And let the brothers beware of striking them if they have done amiss. Moreover because the life of those under rule ought to be marked or distinguished from the ordinary life of those living in the world by some kind of self-denial we ordain that at Advent the forty days fast, on the Monday and Tuesday in Quinquagesima and on Wednesdays throughout the year flesh shall not be used for food, on Fridays milk-food to be abstained from. Moreover by no means disapproving your ordination concerning the inflicting of certain punishments for certain offences let us hold that it be preserved in all things and that the master may be able to compel his fellow brothers to the observance of it (our own right and that of our successors being in all things unimpaired), namely that a brother rebellious against the Master and his fellows or quarrelsome do penance for seven days fasting on bread and water on Wednesday and Friday and eat his food on the ground without a table and napkin, and let him receive seven stripes in the church or chapter on the said days in the presence of the brothers. Also a brother striking his fellow shall be sent to the diocesan to be absolved from the sentence of excommunication which he incurs in a case in which he can be absolved by him and in other case to hear his counsel and being absolved let him do penance for forty days on Wednesdays and Fridays he shall fast on bread and water feeding on the ground without table and napkin as is said, and let him receive thirty stripes in the church or chapter in the presence of the brothers over and above the penalty which the diocesan shall have imposed upon him. A brother going out into the town alone without permission shall fast on bread and water on the Friday next following and shall receive one stripe in the chapter in the presence of the brothers. But if he shall eat or drink in the town without permission on the Wednesday and Friday next after he shall fast on bread and water and if thus he shall not have improved himself according to the greatness of his fault let his penance be increased. A brother apostatizing from his home and afterwards returning and humbly seeking the house shall do penance for forty days fasting on Wednesdays and Fridays on bread and water and eating

his food on the floor without table or napkin and let him dwell in some place cut off from the society of his fellows for so long a time as he presumed to apostatize unless his contrition deserves the favour of a relaxation. If property shall be found in the power of any brother at his death which he had not revealed to the master during his life let him be denied the accustomed service for the dead and the burial of a brother. But if in life he shall be convicted of any property let it be hung about his neck, and if it is money, counted; being divested of his clothes let him be whipped through the hospital and do penance for forty days, on Wednesdays and Fridays fasting on bread and water unless his contrition shall demand a penance of this kind to be mitigated sooner. A brother being convicted of a sin of the flesh being divested of his clothes shall be soundly beaten in the church by the Master or other appointed by him on seven Sundays after the departure of the people from the Church, and during the whole year following shall be kept in some place separated from the brothers under the penance fitting to him except his return to a better frame of mind shall deserve that the punishment may be relaxed or changed into a lighter one. Moreover for other excesses we wish the penalties to be imposed and inflicted according to the rule of the blessed Augustin. Given at Buckden August 2, 1306, and in the seventh year of our Consecration.

Some Bedfordshire Wills.*

Abstracted from the Original Wills, and certified copies, at the District Court of Probate, Northampton.

(Concluded from p. 305.)

Richard Duncombe, of Harlington, husbm., nunc. will, Feb. 1671. In the presence of William Sam of H., dairyman, & Elizth. D. his then wife & his s. Thomas. "I do give all that I have to my wife & my s. and I would not have it parted." Pr. 16 Mar. 1671.

* The following, which complete this series, were omitted to be printed in their proper order.

WILLIAM DYER, of Eyon, in Over Gravenhurst, weaver, 10 Nov. 1637. To wife Ellin & s. Thomas all his moveable goods and makes them exors. Youngest son Edward, youngest da. Martha. Pr: 4 Dec. 1638.

THOMAS ESTWICK, of Wootton, yeoman, 31 Aug. 1631. To be bur. in par. ch. of Wootton. To s. Nicholas E, £50 (being non. compos mentis), s. Stephen to act as guardian. Residue to wife Grace whom he appoints joint exor. with his s. Stephen. Pr. 4 Dec. 1632.

MARGARET EVERED, of Beeston, widow, 13 Nov. 1599. To be bur. in the ch. of Sandy. To son Nicholas Evered a feather bed, &c., da. Margaret 40*s*., da. Denys 40*s*., da. Anne 20*s*. To Jane & Anne Evered a coffer each. Residue to s John whom she appoints exor. Mentions Thomas & Jonas Evered. Proved 14 Dec. 1599.

MAUDE EWER, of Luton, wid., nunc. will, 20 Sept. 1626. All her wearing apparel to her 3 daurs. Son Thomas to be sole exor. Witnesses Edward Ewer & Eliz'th his wife, Christabell wife of Robert Ewer. Pr. 13 Feb. 1626.

HENRY FISH, of Riseley, 12 May, 1673. To son-in-law Gregory Brown 10*s*. & to Henry, John, & Richard his sons 12*d*. ea., & to sd. John Brown 2 doles of meadow in Riseley. To son-in-law Richard Trat (or Teat) & to Anne his now wife 10*s*. ea., & to Thomas, Richard, Henry, William, & Anne their children 12*d*. ea. To youngest da. Joan F. 10 lands lying in the East field at Riseley, & also a dole of meadow land called the Hall dole. Residue to sd. da. Joan whom he makes sole extrix. Pr. 30 May, 1679.

JOHN GOSTWICKE, of Willington, Esq., 7 June, 1581. All his goods to the discretion of his well beloved wife Elizabeth & his well beloved friend Lewis Dive, Esq., whom he appoints exors. "To every one of my servants that have attended on me in my sickness 6*s*. 8*d*." Appoints his well beloved friends Mr Richard Stonley & Mr. Robert Hattley, Esq., to be supervisors. Witnesses Robert Hattley, Robert Gostwicke & John Johnsonne, minister. Proved 15 Oct. 1583.

WILLIAM HASELDINE, of Colmworth, 10 Feb. 1610. To be bur. in the churchyard. To s. Richard £20. Residue to wife Mary whom he makes extrix. Pr. 26 Feb. 1610.

ISABELL SAUNDERS, of Pottesgrove, widow, 20 March, 1558. To be bur. in the ch. of Pottesgrove by my husband William Saunders. To son Thomas, silver salt, &c. To

da. Ellen 12 silver spoons, &c. To sister Joane, the wife of John Sanders, a pair of Kyrtle sleves. Daurs. Ellen & Anne, Residue to brother-in-law Robert Cooke to pay debts & legacies, makes him exor. Proved 31 Aug. 1559.

THOMAS SNAGG, of Milbrooke, Esq., 19 Aug. 1675. To 2 daurs. Ann & Judith & their heirs a meadow called bymeads, & a close called clay close, the cottages thereupon & the fee farm rent wh. I lately purchased charged upon the sd. lands, & a close called little temples & a meadow called gang mead, all in the parish of Milbrooke for ever. To s. Richard £500, to wife Judith all the furniture in my best chamber, to poor of Marston £6, to poor of Milbrook £3, to poor of Litlington £3. Appoints daurs. Ann & Judith sole exors. Pr. 8 Dec. 1675.

ELIZABETH STOCKER, of Wyboston, spr., 3 Sep. 1667. To Thomas, s. of my brother Richard S. £10, &c., to Thomas, s. of my brother Thomas S. £10, to Anne, d. of my brother Thomas S. £10, &c., to Joane, d. of my brother Thomas S. £10, &c. Residue to brother Thomas S. sole exor. Pr. 26 Oct. 1667.

Gleanings from Parish Registers.

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SALFORD.

BAPTISMS.

1559	Sep.	3	**Bryer**, John, s. of Willm.
1560	Feb.	10	**Woodwarde**, Robert, s. of Robt.
1561	Apr.	2	**Bryer**, Jane, d. of Willm.
1565	Sep.	18	**Woodward**, Thomas.
,,	Oct.	30	**Bryer**, Emy.
1566	Sep.	29	**Woodwarde**, John, s. of Robert.
1569	Oct.	15	,, Alice, d. of ,,
1571	Mar.	25	**Bryer**, William, s. of Willm.
1574	Oct.	24	**Taverner**, Richard, s. of James.
1575	Dec.	16	**Pedder**, Thomas, s. of Thomas.
1579	Jan.	7	**Thomson**, Sarah, d. of John, of London.
1581	Nov.	26	**Pedder**, John, s. of Thomas.
1584	Mar.	7	**Lemme**, Samuel, s. of Michael.

1585	Mar.	28	**Woodwarde**, Elizabeth, d. of Robert.
1586	Jun.	19	,, Alice, d. of ,,
1587	May	14	,, Edmund, s. of Edward.
,,	Aug.	13	,, Robert, s. of Robert.
1587	Nov.	12	**Lemme**, Mary, d. of Michael.
1588	Oct.	3	**Woodwarde**, Margaret, d. of Robert.
1589	Aug.	7	,, Joane, d. of Ed.
1590	Apr.	12	,, Joane, d. of Robert.
1591	May	24	**Lemme**, Joseph, s. of Michael, born 22 May.
,,	Nov.	4	**Woodwarde**, Henry, s. of Robert.
1593	Oct.	7	,, Thomas, s. of ,,
1593	Feb.	24	**Linge**,* Elizabeth, d. of Richard.
1595	Oct.	26	**Woodwarde**, Mary, d. of Robert.
1597	,,	30	,, Robert, s. of ,,
,,	Mar.	12	**Pedder**, Thomas, s. of Thomas & Alice, born 6 Mar.
1599	Oct.	6	**Woodwarde**, Michael, s. of Robert.
1601	,,	28	,, Rebecca, d. of ,,
1603	Mar.	27	,, Jeremie, s. of ,,
1604	Jan.	20	,, John, s. of ,,
1610	Jun.	3	**Mansell**, Marie, d. of Tobie, marchant.
1612	Dec.	6	**Binge**, An, d. of Richard, gent. [? Kinge].
1614	Jul.	1	**Kinge**, Edmund, s. of ,, ,,
1621	Jan.	13	**Woodwarde**, Robert, s. of Henry.
1623	Sep.	14	,, Martha, d. of ,,
1625	Jul.	3	,, Henry, s. of ,,
1627	Sep.	23	,, John, s. of ,,
1627	Feb.	23	,, Marye, d. of Jeremie.
1629	May	1	**Adeane**, Martha, d. of Christofer.
,,	Nov.	30	**Woodward**, Mychaell, s. of Hen.
1630	Sep.	19	**Adeane**, An, d. of Christofer.
1631	Jan.	22	**Woodward**, Francis, s. of Henry.
1633	Dec.	26	,, Robert, s. of Robert.
,,	,,	31	,, William, s. of Henry.
1634	Aug,	29	**Foster**, Rebecka, d. of John, gent.
1635	Feb.	28	**Woodward**, Henry, s. of Robert.
1636	May	8	,, Elizabeth, d. of Henry.
,,	Jun.	12	**Foster**, John, s. of John, gent.
1637	Feb.	19	**Woodward**, Johan, d. of Robert.
1638	,,	10	,, Jeremy, s. of Henry.
1640	Nov.	8	,, Alice, d. of Robert.
1642	May	29	,, Mary, d. of Henry.
,,	Sep.	3	**Putnam**, Elizabeth, d. of William.
,,	Dec.	3	,, Job, s. of William.
,,	,,	10	**Woodward**, John, s. of Robert.
1645	Nov.	24	**Bunn**, John, s. of William, minister.

* This name may be Binge or Kinge; the writing is about as bad as can be.

1648	Apr.	3	**Woodwarde**, Anne, d. of Robert.
1649	Oct.	20	,, Michael, s. of ,,
1650	Nov.	26	,, Elizabeth, d. of ,,
1651	May	7	**Clerke**, Elizabeth, d. of Roger.
,,	Jan.	—	**Woodward**, Robert, s. of Robert.
1653	Jun.	9	,, John, s. of ,,
,,	Sep.	3	,, Sarah, d. of ,, sen.
1654	Jan.	26	,, Josias, s. of ,, born
1656	Sep.	22	,, Jeremiah, s. of ,,
1664	Dec.	5	**Reddell**, Mary, d. of Thos.
1667	Jul.	14	,, Thomas, s. of ,,
1669	Jun.	14	**Sam**, Mary, d. of Richard, vicar.
1670	Aug.	15	,, Elizabeth, d. of ,, ,,
1671	Jul.	12	**Reddell**, Ambros, s. of Thomas.
,,	Jan.	17	**Sam**, Richard, s. of Richard, vicar.
1674	Dec.	30	,, Anne, d. of ,, ,,
1678	Feb.	16	**Thomson**, Henry, s. of William, late of Newport.
1692	July	4	**Reddell**, Elizabeth, d. of Thomas.

WEDDINGS.

1587	May	29	**Butterfield—Pedder**, Edward & Joane.
1591	June	21	**Bazeley—Woodwarde**, John & Alice.
,,	Nov,	27	**Lynges—Bryer**, Richard & Joane.
1594	Jun.	25	**Hackett—Langforde**, Roger & Elizabeth.
,,	Dec.	8	**Pedder—Lemme**, Thomas & Alice, m. at Aspley.
1596	Jan.	15	**Bryar—Mulsoe**, William & Anne.
1603	Dec.	5	**Odill—Bingley**, John & Johan.
1607	Nov.	9	**Slowe—Woodward**, Henry & Alice.
1610	Jun.	4	**Rubert—Woodward**, Robert of Holcot, & Margt.
,,	Nov.	19	**Perrye—Woodward**, John, of Haversham, & Eliz'th.
1617	Oct.	28	**Ansley—Kinge**, Raphe & Beterishe.
1621	May	28	**Gregorye—Woodward**, Ambros & Mary.
1627	Apr.	16	**Woodward—Bosworth**, Jeremie & Agnis.
,,	Nov.	26	**Adeane—Hinton**, Cristofer & Johan.
1628	Aug.	4	**Woodward—Knight**, Thomas & ——.
1629	Feb.	8	**Woodward—Cooper**, Robert & Johan.
1644	Mar.	8	**Bunne—Norris**, William & Elizabeth.
1649	Oct.	1	**Woodwarde—Chapman**, Robert & Elizabeth.
1651	Mar.	27	**Dimmocke—Gostwicke**, Michael & Elizabeth.
1657	,,	5	**Bryars—Cash**, John & Lucia.
1661	Jan.	28	**Pickering—Sam**, Thomas, of Newport, co. Bucks, & Johanna.
1669	Oct.	19	**Woodward—Norman**, Thomas of Cranfield, & Anne.
1671	Dec.	28	**Breed—Woodward**, Thomas, of Aspley, & Martha.

BURIALS.

1564	Nov.	3	**Bryar**, Amy.
1568	Oct.	26	**Kinge**, Agnes.
1578	Nov.	11	**Woodward**, Robert.
1587	Nov.	5	,, Robert, s. of Robert.
1590	Jul.	17	**Burwell**, Nicholas.
1592	Aug.	5	**Bryar**, Allice, wife of Willm.
,,	Oct.	10	**Peddar**, Thomas, gen.
1598	Nov.	16	**Burby**, Alice, wife of Cuthbert, of London.
1604	May	7	**Langford**, Martha, gent.
1628	Aug.	23	**Woodward**, Jeremye.
1629	Jul.	20	**Bingley**, Martha, ux. Tho.
1634	Sep.	22	**Selbie**, Richard.
1638	Oct.	15	**Woodward**, Mary, wid.
1641	Feb.	17	,, Alice, d. of Robert.
1644	Mar.	10	**Sylbie**, Isabella, wid.
1650	,,	5	**Woodward**, Michael, s. of Robert.
1656	Feb.	24	**Langford**, Mr. Nicholas.
1657	Oct.	1	**Deane**, Christopher.
1659	Apr.	16	**Woodward**, Jeremiah, s. of Robert.
,,	Jul.	11	,, Elizabeth, wife of ,,
,,	Feb.	21	**Clerke**, Mr. Roger, vicar.
1663	May	2	**Deane**, Anne.
1664	Jun.	21	,, Joane, wid., brought from Handeslop where she died, to Sawford, and was bur.
,,	Nov.	4	**Woodward**, Henry.
,,	Dec.	11	**Reddell**, Mary, d. of Thos.
1668	Aug.	22	**Woodward**, Charytie, wife of Thomas, brought from Cranfield, where she died, & buryed at Sawford.
1671	Feb.	5	**Sam**, Richard, s. of Richard, vicar.
,,	Mar.	23	**Woodward**, Robert.
1674	Aug.	19	,, William, brought from Aspley, where he dyed.
1677	May	8	,, John, s. of Robert.
1678	Mar.	18	**Sam**, Mary, d. of Richard, vicar.
1682	May	2	**Reddall**, Thomas.
,,	Nov.	27	**Sam**, Francis.
1688	,,	9	**Woodward**, Elizabeth.
1689	Dec.	27	**Sam**, Richard, vicar.
1693	,,	12	**Reddall**, Eliz.
1696	Aug.	24	**Woodward**, Thomas, of Cranfield.

Monumental Inscriptions.

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HARLINGTON.

In the Chancel against the S. wall. Arms, Astry impaling St. John.

"Here Lieth Buryed the Body of Sr. Henry Astry of Woodend in | this Parish of Harlington in the Countie of Bedford, Knight he | Departed this life 29th* of Aprill in the year of our Lord 1638 | and in the year of his age 54 he left behind him three Sonns | and three Daughters his Eldest sonne William Astry | lived but a yeare and halfe after his Father, and died | A Ward at Lincolne College in Oxforde being at the | Age of 16 and a halfe in years he was brought from Oxf | ord and buried by his Father they both were happy | In theire Lives and most Blessed | In their Deaths giving ass | ured Testimonies thereof | unto the World | Finis Coronat."—(*Lansd: MS.* 887, fo. penc. 90.)

On a black stone within the rails of the Altar—

"M. S. | Francisci filij & Hered: Hen: Astry de | Woodend in hac paroch: Milit: non minus | No'ine Xtian generosi insignis. | Obedient child kind husband tender father | Just Justice charitable man but rather | Religious St fraught wth pietye | To griefe of all yt knew him here doth lye. | Hoc posuit Dorothea filia Fleetwood | Dormer de Lee Grange in com: Buck | Milit: vxor eius moesstissima ex qua | prolem reliquit et superstitem Mariam | Dorotheam Iacobum & Dormer | ob: 15 Maii 1659 Æt. 44."—(*Ibid.* 887, fo. penc. 90.)

On a small white marble tablet within the Altar rails—

"Jacobus Astry | de Woodend Eques Auratus | in Curiâ Cancellariâ dudum xii vir | obiit A:D: 1709 aetatis suae 55 | Ex Anna filia Thomae Penyston de Cornwell | in agro Oxoniensi Baronetti | prolem suscepit superstitem | Jacobum Franciscum | Penyston Annam | Henrietttam."—(*Ibid.* 887, fo. penc. 90.)

* In Archer MS. his death is stated to have taken place 25 Apr. 1630, cf. vol. i, p. 97. He was bur. 27 Apr. 1630, so the above dates are evidently incorrect.—Ed.

Against the East end of the Chancel—

"H. S. E. | JACOBUS ASTREY Armiger | Vir | Ingenio ac literis politioribus | Stylo ac rerum usu | Et cum tot dotibus singulari simul modestia | Spectabilis | Egregiam erga cognatos benevolentiam | incorruptam erga amicos fidem | Morum erga omnis suavitatem | omnibus desideratissimus | obijt A:D: 1716 Ætatis Suae 42 | Vale, Frater dilectissime, amantissimae | Tui memor et tuarum virtutum | Hoc marmor | Monumentum exiguum | Amoris haud exigui P. | Franciscus Astry S. T. P."—(*Ibid.* 887, fo. penc. 83.)

HOCKLIFFE.

Inscription in the Church—

"In Memory of | Richard Gilpin Esq. Dep. Lieut. and J.P. for Co. of | Bedford and for many years Lieutenant Colonel of | the Bedfordshire Militia. He died on the 3rd Jany. | 1841 in the 89th year of his age. | Also of | Sarah, his wife who died the 2nd of January 1847 | Aged 84 years. | Richard Gilpin was son of Thomas Gilpin Esq. | Grandson of Robert Gilpin Esq. and Great-Grandson | of the Rev. Robert Gilpin who was Rector | of this parish in the early part of the 17th Century. | He died A.D. 1641."

Inscribed on a slab in the W. wall of the Vestry—

"FRANCIS WEST of this parish | gave four hundred pounds for | ever to be laid out in Land one | half of the Annual Rent thereof | being given to teach the Poor | children of the parish of | Hockliff to Read & write | English, he dyed in the 86 year | of his Age Nov. 2 1690."

Outside the Church, under the East window, is a slab built into the wall with the following inscription surmounted by a shield—GILPIN impaling NEALE—*as under*:

"In a vault beneath this stone are interr'd the bodies of | ROBERT GILPIN of this Parish Gent. and ESTHER GILPIN his wife; | who was the youngest daughter of MATTHEW NEALE in Exx-Hall | in the County of | Warwick Gent: and likewise several of their Sons & Daughters. | This was set up by their youngest Son Mr THOMAS GILPIN Goldsmith of London 1740."

Inscriptions in the Church—

"Near this spot lies interr'd the Bodies of the Rev^{d} | Mr Adam Haughton who was Rector of this Parish 26 years | He died April the 16th Anno 1713 in the 60th year of his Age | And also the Revd Mr Adam Haughton | son to the aforesaid and 23 years Rector of the said Parish | Died May the 7th 1743 in the 49th year of his age | Also Mrs Rebecca Wife of Mr Adam Haughton | and Daughter to the Revd Mr Hezekiah Slingsby | Who was once Rector of the said Parish | and Grand-daughter to the Revd Mr Robert Gilpin | Once Rector of the afore-said. She died Septr the 1st 1744 | in the 81st year of her Age. | Also Mrs Mary Foot, Relict of the Revd Mr Walter Foot | (who was Rector of this Parish 6 years) and Daughter | to the first mentioned | Mr Adam Haughton and the aforesaid Mrs Rebecca Haughton | She died July 24th 1760 in the 71st year of her Age."

"In Memory of the Rev. John Robinson who was fifty-one years Rector of Hockliffe And Vicar of Chalgrave in the County of Bedford. He died the 15th day of February 1842 In the 75th year of his age And lies buried in the chancel of this Church."

In the Churchyard—

"In affectionate memory of | HARRIET SUSAN wife of DAVID BROMILOW Esq. | of Haresfield House Lancashire and of Battlesden Park in this County | who died 25th September 1869, aged 47 years."

Inscription in the Church—

"In Memory of | LOUISA | The Beloved Wife of | Col. R. T. GILPIN M.P. for Bedfordshire | Who died on the 6th of October 1871 | aged 79 years."

HARROLD.*

In the South Aisle—

"Here Lieth ye Body of | JOHN BLETSOE | gent. s. of JOHN | BLETSO yeman | who departed this life | the 22 day of May 1724 | in ye 19th year of his Age."

* For other inscriptions, see "History of the Willey Hundred," by W. Marsh Harvey, London, 1872-8.

HIGHAM GOBION.

"Neere vnto | this place lyeth interred | the body of THOMAS HALPENNY | of Phaldo late of this | Parish together with his | wife ALICE the said Thomas | departed this life the 27th | day of December 1684 aged | 81 yeares and odd dayes."

HENLOW.

"Near to this place lyeth buried the | body of Mrs SARAH EDWARDS late | widow of GEORGE EDWARDS Esq | eldest son of GEORGE EDWARDS | of this parish Esq. which said Sarah | was the daughter of WILLIAM WITHERS Deputy Alderman of ye | Ward of Cheap in the Parish of St Mary | le Bow in the City of London, Esqr. and | SARAH his wife. She was baptized | the 18th day of February 1675, and dyed | the 22d of January 1700 (she left | behind her 2 sons GEORGE & | WITHERS. | In memory of whom this | monument is erected)."

On a mural Tablet—

"Neare to this place lyeth | buried the body of | LAWRENCE EDWARDS | son of RICHARD EDWARDS of | Arlsey Esq. | who was son of | RICHARD EDWARDS of | this Parish Esqr. | He was born in | December 1620 | and dyed the 4th day of | December 1693."

"Hic juxta jacet | GEORGIUS EDWARDS Armiger | RICARDI EDWARDS de Arlsey Armigeri | Filius natu quartos, | per annos prope triginta, | Curiae Summa Cancellaria, Seniori Registorii officium supplens. | Et in hoc Comitatu ad pacem conservandam Justiciarius Utrique Muneri obeundo | Plane idoneus floruit. | Duas duxit Uxores | Primo DORCAM HANCHETT ex qua nulli supersunt | Liberi | Postremo ELIZ: CARPENTER filiam ROB: CARPENTER | Ex hic nuptiis octo Liberos sibi superstites Reliquit Equi . . nuptum dat. . |

GEORGIUS	SARA WITHERS	
RICARDUS		
ANNA	RICARDO BUCKBY	Armigeri
CATHARINA	EDW. GOODESBROUGH	Armigeri
ELIZABETHA	IOHANNI STRATFORD	Armigeri
FRANCISCA	JACOBO OADES	
CONSTANTIA		
ANABELLA		

Obijt 12° die July, Anno Dni 1712. Ætatis suæ 79.

Hic etiam jacet ELIZABETHA uxor prædicti GEORGII EDWARDS Obijt 10mo Aprilis 1726. Ætatis 82."

In Church, on the South Side of the Chancel—

"Here lieth the Body of ANN BUCKBY | the wife of RICHARD BUCKBY of | Lincoln's Inn in the County of Middlesex | Esq. who was the son of WILLIAM BUCKBY Serjeant at Law by Mary | his wife who was the daughter | of Sir RICHARD RAYNSFORD Knt. | late Lord Chief Justice of England | the said Ann was the daughter of | GEORGE EDWARDS Esqr of this | place, she had issue by her said | Husband five children, viz., RICHARD, ANN, and ANN her second daughter | RICHARD her second son and | ELIZABETH and at her death she left only Ann her second daughter | living, all her other children lie | buried in this chancel. She departed | this life the 24 day of November | 1714."

HOUGHTON CONQUEST.

Mural tablet in S. aisle—

"EDMOND WOODWARD Esq. | Neare this place lyeth ynter'd | Being lineally descended | From the Antient family of the | Woodwards of this Parish | Who have continued heere Before | And ever since the Raigne | of King Edward the first | Hee was at the time of his Decease | A member of the Honoble Society | of the Ynner Temple London | Hee dyed the Eleauenth day of Aprill | In the yeare of our lord god 1659."

HOLWELL.

In the Churchyard—

"Sacred | to the memory of | FANNY SARAH LINOWSKA | (neé BLACKSHAW) | Relict of | Colonel CONSTANTIN LINOWSKI | Born 26 April 1811 | died 15th Octr. 1871 | This monument is erected to | her memory by their only child | WAAND ORSETTI."

HOLWELL.

Harleian Charter, 83. A. 50, circa 1239.

"Ego Robertus le Chamberleyn filius et heres Galfridi le Chamberleyn concessi ecclesia Johannis Baptistæ de

Haliwell quoddam messuagium cum crofto adjacente et dimidiam virgatam terre cum omnibus suis pertinentiis quam Jacobus nativus meus quondam de me tenuit in villa de Dunton et messuagium cum domibus desuper ædificatis in eadem villa quod Robertus Tadelowe ad terminum vitæ suæ tenuit ex dono patris mei.—(He also confirms the gifts of his father and ancestors which, however, are not specified.)—Hiis testibus Matthæo le Goys de Dunton, Willielmo le Chyld de Potton, Galfrido le Lyre de Eyworth, Johanne Paternoster, Hugone de Henlowe, Johanne Amy, Johanne Clerico de Dunton,* Willielmo filio Matthæi de Milho, Willielmo filio Johannis, Adam Clerico, Ricardo Rixepaud de Stratton."

TEMPSFORD.

Cott. MS. Faust, A. IV. f. 87.

William Loreng grants land in Tamiseford to Roger the Prior of St. Neots for the liberation of Bartholomew from the King's prison.—Gorham, vol. ii. p. xxxv.

These lands were—

One messuage of 3 acre next the garden of Hugh de Carun, ½ Acre of meadow next the meadow of Hugh de Caron in Nortmade, 3 Roods of meadow in Gosecroft next the meadow of Ralph fitz Geoffrey.

Also 18 Acres of arable land and 3 roods in the fields of Temiseford. In the field to the south of Temiseford 4 Acres, viz.—

At Alvene Sherd	1 A.	At Staples	1 R.
Next the street at Fuleslou	½ A.	In Waterlond	1 R.
Above Pesefurlong	3 R.	In Westmadefurlong	½ A.
At Drove	2 R.	At Evertonwell	1 R.

Above Crandon 5 Acres, viz.—

At Duneswellfurlong	1 A.	In Claifurlong	1 A.
Against the Monks farm	2 R.	At Brockeshulleswell	1 R.
In Suarmhulleslade	½ A.	Against a field of Bereford	1 A.
At Crandon dihe	1 R.	Above Suarmhulleslade	½ A.
In Pistlefurlong 2 ridges &	½ A.		

* John de Burton was Vicar of Dunton in 1237.—Ed.

In the field to the north of Temiseford 9 Acres 3 Roods, viz.—

Against a field of Bereford	1 A.	In Waterlond	½ A.
Against the same elsewhere	½ A.	Above Lede	1 R.
Above Hulsterfurlong	1 A.	Next Bissopesdol	½ A.
At Hulstrefurlongesende	1 R.	Against the Street	½ A.
Above Heydiho	½ A.	In Leselond	½ A.
Above Eldehul	1 A.	Below Eldehul	½ A.
Against Rugwere	½ A.	Against Sinodeslabz	½ A.
In Hulmo	½ A.	Above Walfurlong	½ A.
In Fulewellefurlong	1 A.		

JOHN C. TINGEY.

Notes from Old Bedfordshire Deeds.*

(CONTINUED FROM p. 285.)

HARROLD.—Indenture dated 26 March 1631 between William Boteler of Biddenham, Esq. & Anthony Clarke of Harrold, baker Witnesseth that the sd. Wm. Boteler leases to the sd. A. Clarke, for the term of 9 years the Mills at Harrold containing 2 corn mills & a wheat mill at the yearly rent of £42, together with all the liberty of free fishing in the Ouze from Harrold bridge to Snelston hedge, and the rushes yearly to be growing from time to time in the said river.

"A note of such implements and millstones as were remaining in Harrold milles and were delivered to Anthony Clerke upon the Feast day of the Annunciacōn of our blessed lady St Marie Año Dñi 1631 upon wch day he entered upon the said milles.

Imprimis Two Dosen of mill bills for the corne milles.
It. Two Culling bills for the wheat mill.
It. A Sledge an hatchet and an Iron barre.
It. Two Tole dishes.
It. Three Pulley ropes, and Three gable ropes.
It. Three paire of Pullies.
It. Three hutches to put corne in, wth lockes and keies to them.

* The originals for sale, apply to the Editor.

It. Three Bings.
It. Three meale troughes.
It. Two foure footed stooles.
It. To each mill a Fatt.
It. Three very good new sted Brasses.
It. Sixe old gudgeon brasses of the thicknesse of about halfe an inch a peece in the wearing;

Millstones remaining in the said milles the day and yeare above written.

Imprimis Vpon the wheat mill, the runner is twelve inches and an halfe thicke att the skirt; and the Bedstone nine inches.
It. Vpon the middle mill, the runner is sixe inches thicke at the skirte, and the Bedstone 3 inches and an halfe.
It. The mill next to Carleton hath on it a runner in thickness att the skirt seauen inches; and the Bedd stone three inches."

CARDINGTON.—Indenture tripartite dated 16 Sept. 1648 between Sir William Boteler of Biddenham, Knt., & Dame Sibill his wife of the 1st part William Farrer of the Inner Temple, gent. & Francis Farrer his brother 2 of the younger sons of the sd. Dame Sibill by her former husband William Farrer late of the Inner Temple, Esq., decd. of the 2nd part and Thomas Farrer of the Inner Temple, Esq. s. & h. app. of the sd. Dame Sibill by her sd. former husband of the 3rd part. Witnesseth that she the sd. Dame Sibill for the purpose of raising portions for her sd. younger sons covenants that she, her husband Sr. Wm., & Wm. & Fcis. Farrer, shall on or before the 1st of May 1649 acknowledge & levy a fine in due form of law unto the sd. Thos. Farrer & his heirs of all & singular the closes called Huntry field, & one cottage & 72 acres of pasture in Cardington; the sd. Thos. Farrer shall pay to his brother Wm. Farrer on the 1st May in the year 1650 the full sum of £300 & upon the 1st of May 1653 the further sum of £300, & to his brother Francis on the 26th day of March 1651 the full sum of £200, & upon the 1st of May 1654 the further sum of £200. If the sd. Francis Farrer should die before he marries or attains the age of 21 then the sd. Thos. Farrer shall pay to Wm. Farrer the moiety of the portion of the sd. Francis & shall retain the other moiety himself. The reason that the portion of Francis is only £400 is hereby declared to be because Dame Sibill

his mother did expend £120 to bind him apprentice & also expended above £60 upon his education. Signed Wm. Boteler, Sibill Boteler, William Farrer, Francis Farrer.

HARROLD.—Indenture Tripartite dated 25 May 1680 made between William Boteler of Biddenham Esq. of the first part & William Farrer of the Inner Temple London Esq. s. & h. app. of Thomas Farrer of Aylesbury, co. Bucks, & Mary his wife eld. da. of the sd. Wm. Boteler of the 2nd part & the sd. Thos. Farrer & Richard Orlibeare of Harrold of the 3rd part Witnesseth that in conson. of a marriage already had & solemnized between sd. Wm. Farrer & the sd. Mary & for providing them a maintenance in lieu of a marriage portion the sd. Wm. Boteler grants & releases unto the sd. Thos. Farrer & Rich. Orlibeare All that capital messuage with the appurts. now in the occupation of the sd. Rich. Orlebeare, a close of pasture containing 18 acres called Conigrean close adjoining the sd. messuage, & a close of 7 acres called Wellox in Harrold aforesaid and all the Rectory & parsonage of Harrold, and all tythes of corn grain & hay, &c. To have and to hold the same to the use of the sd. Wm. Farrer & his assigns for life & after his decease to the use of his wife Mary for life, & after her decease to the use of their heirs & in default of such issue then to the use of the grantee. Signed Tho. Farrer, Ri. Orlebar.

HARROLD.—Indenture Tripartite dated 14 May 1651 made between Sr. Wm. Boteler of Biddenham, Knt. & Dame Sibill his wife Abraham Burrell of Meadlow co. Hants, Esq. William Robinson of Cheston co. Herts, Esq. John Kelinge of Southill Esq. Thomas Farrer of the Inner Temple Esq. William Farrer of the Inner Temple his brother Thomas Farrer of Brayfield co. Bucks, gent. Alexander Baker of Cliffords Inn gent. Robert Papworth of Hitchin co. Herts, gent. & Robert Helder al's Spicer of Lilley co. Herts, gent. of the 1st part, Charles Nodes of Shepehall Bury co. Herts, Esq. George Nodes of London Merchant Taylor & John Nodes of Southill gent. of the 2nd part & Helen Boteler eld. da. of the sd. Sr. Wm. Boteler of the 3rd part Witnesseth that in conson. of an intended marriage between the sd. Thos. Farrer & Helen Boteler & in order to secure the full sum of £1020 as a marriage portion the sd. Sr. Wm. Boteler & Dame Sibill his wife covenant to levy a fine of all that capital messuage with the appurts. now in the tenure of Roger Pitkin

gent. situate in Harrold, and of all that close in Harrold called Santons or Stantons containing 80 acres in the occupation of Stephen Rolt, gent., and of a messuage or farm called Priest's close White Pightle Claybrookes Arundells close Bullocks close and Mumbles, and of 120 acres of arable & pasture, & of a close called New close containing 2 acres and of several cottages all in the parish of Harrold, a close of pasture of 1 acre & 3 acres of arable land in Wilshamstead, also 68½ acres of land called Huntry fields in the parish of Cardington to the use and behoofe of the sd. Thos. Farrer & Helen Boteler or the survivor of them, and to the heirs of their bodies. Signed Hellen Boteler.

BURNARD OF ARLESEY.

A PEDIGREE of Burnard of Arlsey is given in "Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica," vol. vi. p. 200, but no allusion is made to a charter in the Monasticon, which appears to supply a connecting link. The following is an abstract:—

"Ego Wido filius Tezonis concessi Deo et ecclesiæ Sci' Neoti &c. illam virgatam quam Rogerus frater meus dedit illis in escambio, pro quadam virgata quam habebant apud Ailrichesheie. Concessi etiam eis virgatam illam quam idem Rogerus dederat eis pro anima Walteri filii Ricardi."—Dugdale's *Mon.* iii. p. 473.

"Roger Burnard and Margaret his wife and Odo their son grant (to the Church of St Neot) two virgates and a half in Everton in exchange for that virgate which they had in Alricheseia, for the health of the soul of his Lord Walter fitz Richard."—*Collectanea Topographica et Genealogica*, vol. vi. p. 199.

"No. 288. Termination of the controversy between the monks of St Neot's and Wido son of Tetho on the church of Everton and land in Crandun &c. A.D. 1162."—Gorham. *Hist. of St. Neots*, vol. ii.

These three charters are all taken from the Chartulary of St Neot's Priory in Hunts; Cottoniam M.S. Faust, A iv. ff. 73b, 56b, 73 respectively.

When reading the charters, etc., in *Collec. Top. and Gen.* illustrating the pedigree, I was convinced that two individuals named Odo Burnard were there mentioned, though only one is recognized.

Since writing the above, I have accidentally met with the confirmation of my views. As Odo, senior, was certainly dead before A.D. 1200, may I suggest—

Roger Burnard::::: son of Odo and Mabilia, *Collec. Top. and Gen.*

Odo Burnard = Feet of Fines, Everton, 31 Hen. III. mentioned in *Collec. Top. and Gen.* p. 212, No. xxxv.

Nicholas, son of Odo Burnard = Felicia, Feet of Fines, Edworth, 46 Hen. III. and probably the same as Nicholas Burnard, of Bradeton, Wilts. (Testa de Nevill) mentioned in the pedigree. Feet of Fines, Everton, 47 Hen. III.

Did Odo, senior, use a seal—a single leaf on a shield, and his supposed grandson three leaves on a shield?

JOHN C. TINGEY.

Proceedings of Committee for Plundered Ministers.

(CONTINUED FROM p. 291.)

State Papers. Domestic Series: Interregnum. Order Books 1–4 F. (*Public Record Office.*)

DUNTON.

At the Com^{ttee} for Plundered Minist^{rs} 12° Augusti Anno Dni 1646:—

By vertue of an Order of both howses of pliam^{t} of ye 2^{d} of May last. It is ordered that the yearely sume of fifty pounds be payd out of ye p'fitts of ye Imppriate Rectory of Luton in ye county of Bedford sequestred

from Sr Robert Napper Barrtt Delinqt to and for increase of ye maintence of the Minister of ye p'ish Church of Dunton in the said County the viccaridge whereof is not worth aboue 30l ayeare. And the Sequestrators of ye p'misses are required to pay the same accordingly at such tymes & Seasons of the yeare as ye said p'fitts are due & payable.

HAR. GRIMSTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 142.)

BIGGLESWADE.

At the Comttee for plundered Ministrs 17° Julij Anno Dni 1646:—

By vertue of an Order of both houses of Parliamt of ye 2d of May last. It is ordered that the yearely sume of forty pounds be payd out of ye p'fitts of ye Imppriate Rectory of Luton in ye County of Bedford sequestred from Sr Robert Napper Delinqt. to and for increase of ye maintennce of the Minister of the p'ish Church of Biggleswade in ye said County the Viccaridge whereof is worth but 26l p Ann. And the Sequestrators of ye p'misses are required to pay ye same accordingly at such tymes & seasons of ye yeare as ye said p'fitts are due & payable.

HAR. GRIMSTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 143.)

POTTON.

At the Comttee for plundered Ministrs Julij 17° Anno Dni 1646:—

By vertue of an order of both houses of Parliamt of ye 2d of May last. It is ordered that the yearely sume of forty pounds be payd out of the p'fitts of ye Imppriate Rectory of Luton in ye County of Bedford sequestred from Sr Robert Napper Delinquent, to and for increase of ye maintenance of the Minister of the p'ish Church of Potton in ye said county it being a m'kett Towne and the pnt maintennce belonging to the said Church being but 40l p Ann. And the Sequestrators of the p'misses are required to pay ye same accordingly at such tymes & seasons of ye yeare as the said p'fitts are due & payable.

HAR. GRIMSTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 143.)

SUNDON.

At the Comttee for plundered Ministrs 12° Augusti Anno Dni 1646:—

By vertue of an Order of both houses of Parliamt of ye 2d of May last. It is ordered that the yearely sume of 50′ to be payd out of the p'fitts of ye Imppriate Rectory of Luton in ye County of Bedford sequestred from Sr Robert Napper Knt Delinquent to and for increase of ye maintence of ye Minister of ye p'ish Church of Sundon in ye County of Bedford the said p'ish consisting of 60 families and the viccaridge thereof being worth but 28′ p Ann. And the Sequestrators of ye p'misses are required to pay ye same accordingly at such tymes & seasons of ye yeare as the said p'fitts are due & payable.

HAR. GRIMSTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 144.)

FLITTON CUM SILSOE.

At the Comttee for plundered Ministrs July 1mo Anno Dni 1646:—

By Vertue of an Order of both houses of pliamt of ye 2d of May last. It is ordered that the yearely sume of 50′ be payd out of ye Impropriate Tythes in East Hyde & west Hyde in ye p'ish of Luton in ye County of Bedford wch are sequestred from St Robert Napper Delinqt to and for increase of ye maintennce of the Minister of Fletton & Silshoe in the said county his pnt maintennce being but 35′ p Ann. and there being two Churches and 340 Comunicants within the said p'ish. And the Sequestrators of ye p'misses are required to allow ye same accordingly at such tymes & Seasons of ye yeare as the said p'fitts are due & payable.

HAR. GRIMSTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 147.)

LEIGHTON-BUZZARD.

At the Comttee for plundered Ministers 22° July Anno Dni 1646:—

By vertue of an Order of both houses of Parliamt of ye 2d of May last. It is ordered that the yearely sume of 40′ be payd out of ye rent reserued to the Deane

& Chapter of Lyncolne out of the p'fitts of ye Imppriate Rectory of Leighton in ye county of Lyncolne [? Bedford] aforesaid to and for increase of the Minister of ye p'ish Church of Leighton the Viccaridge thereof being worth but xxx^l p Ann. And the Sequestrator of ye p'misses are required to pay ye same accordingly at such tymes & seasons of ye yeare as the said rent is due & payable. And all arrears thereof due at or since ye 22th of Aprill last.

JO: GOODWYN.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 155.)

LEIGHTON-BUZZARD.

Att the Comittee of Lords and Comons for Sequestracons Maij 10° 1644 :—

Vpon the Peticon of the Inhabitants of Leighton Beudesert in Com Bedford. It is thonght fitt and Ordered by this Comittee according to an Order of reference by the house of Comons that ffifty fiue pounds p Annu bee allowed out of the Tythes of the said p'ish in Lease to Sr Thomas Leigh and vnder Sequestracon for his Delinquency and alleadged to bee worth fiue hundred pounds p Annu towards the Maintenance of such able Orthodoxe and godly Preacher there as shall bee Viccar there to bee approved by the Assembly of Divines, the same to bee paid him quarterly, and to beginne att Midsomer next ; And the Comittee for sequestracons for the said County are desired to see the same p'formed accordingly. Vera Copia ex^d p me.

R: VAUGHAN.

(*Ibid.* 8 F, fol. 223.)

LEIGHTON-BUZZARD.

Att the Comittee for Plundered Minsters Octobr: 7mo Anno Dni 1646 :—

Whereas the Comittee of Lords & Comons for Sequestracons the Tenth of May 1644 Ordered that the yearely sume of fiue and ffifty pounds should bee payd out of the Tythes of the Impropriate Rectory of Leighton Beudesert in the County of Bedford wch are sequestred from Sr Thomas Leigh Delinquent, towards ye Maintenance of a godly Minister to Officiate ye Cure of the Church

of Leighton Beudesert aforesd the same being a great Markett Towne, and the said p'ish Consisting of One Thousand Soules and the p'sent Maintenance belonging to the said Church, being but fforty pounds a yeare in the best times as by the said Order may appeare; This Comittee doe Certific the same to the Comittee of Parliamt. sitting at Goldsmiths hall, who are desired to take such course as they shall think meete that the said graunt bee not preiudiced by the said Sr Thomas Leighs Compounding for his estate.

GILBT MILLINGTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 224.)

HEATH AND REACH.

Att the Comittee for Plundered Ministers Augusti 12° Anno Dni 1646.

Whereas the Comittee of Lords and Comons for Sequestracons of Papists and Delinquents Estates haue by their Order of the 10th of May 1644 Ordered Thirty pounds p. Ann. out of the Tithes of the Villages of Heath and Reach in the p'ish of Leighton Buzzard in the County of Bedford sequestred from Sr Thomas Leigh Lessee thereof should bee paid to and for the Maintenance of such a godly and Orthodoxe Divine as should by the Assembly of Divines bee approved of to Officiate the Cure of the Chappell of Heath and Reach aforesaid. This Comittee doe confirme the said Order and doe hereby order and require the Sequestrators of the p'misses to pay the said Thirty pounds p. Annu out of the said Tithes quarterly, together with all the Arreares thereof according to the said Order of the said Comittee of Lords and Comons.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 224.)

LEIGHTON-BUZZARD.

Att the Comittee for Plundered Ministers Novembr: 11° Anno Dni 1646.

By vertue of an Order of both houses of Parliamt of the second of May last. It is Ordered that the yearely sume of ffifty pounds bee allowed & payd out of the Tythes and profitts of the Impropriate Rectorye of Leighton Budezard in the County of Bedford, wch: are

sequestred from Sr Thomas Lee Delinquent, to and for increase of the Maintenance of the Minister of ye p'ish Church of Leighton Budezard aforesaid, his present Maintenance being worth but Tenne pounds p. Annu. And the sequestrators of the premisses are required to allow and pay the same accordingly att such times and seasons of the yeare, as the said tythes and profitts shall grow due and payable.

GILBT MILLINGTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 246.)

COPLE.

Att the Comittee for Plundered Ministers: Maij 7mo Anno Dni 1646.

By Vertue of an Order of both houses of Parliament of ye second of May instant. It is Ordered yt ye yearely sume of fforty pounds out of the profitts of the Impropriate Rectory of Newnham in ye p'ish of Gouldington in the County of Bedford sequestred from ye Earle of Northton Delinquent bee payd to and for increase of the Maintenance of such Minister, as shall bee by Order of this Comtte appointed to Officiate ye Cure of ye p'ish Church of Cople in the said County, consisting of about One hundred and eighty Comunicants, and the Viccaridge thereof being worth but Twentie pounds p. Annu. And the sequestrators of the premisses are required to pay the same accordingly att such tymes and seasons of ye yeare as the same are due and payable.

GILBT MILLINGTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 247.)

BILLINGTON.

Att the Comittee for Plundered Ministers Martij: 3tio Anno Dni 1646:—

By vertue of an Order of both Houses of Parliament, of the second of May last. It is Ordered that the yearely sume of fforty pounds, bee allowed and payd out of the Impropriate Tythes of the Towne of Billington in the County of Bedford disposed of sequestred from Sr Thomas Leigh [torn] . . . . .] increase of the Maintenance of such Minister as this Comttee shall approue of to Officiate in the Chappell of Billington aforesayd within

the p'ish of Leighton in the said County, the said Chappellry consisting of aboue 100 Comunicants. And the sequestrators of the premisses are required to allow and pay the same accordingly, att such tymes and seasons of the yeare, as the said Tythes shall grow due and payable.

HAR: GRIMSTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 332.)

HOUGHTON REGIS.

Att the Comittee for Plundered Ministers: Martij 4to Anno Dni 1646:—

By vertue of an Order of both Houses of Parliam^{t}. of the second of May last. It is Ordered that ye yearely sume of ffifty pounds bee payd out of the surplus of the profitts of the Impropriate Rectory of Leighton in the County of Bedford sequestred from Sr Thomas Leigh Delinq^{t}. ffarmer thereof vnder a Prebend belonging to the Cathedrall of Lincolne (not yet disposed of) to & for increase of ye Maintenance of such Ministers as this Com^{ttee} shall approue of, to Officiate the Cure of ye p'ish Church of Houghton Regis in the sayd County, ye present Maintenance belonging to the said Church being not Twenty pounds p Annu. And the sayd p'ish Consisting of aboue ffiue Hundred Comunicants. And the Sequestrators of the premises are required to pay the same accordingly, at such tymes and seasons of the yeare, as the sayd profitts shall grow due & payable.

HAR. GRIMSTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 337.)

GOLDINGTON.

Att the Comittee for Plundered Ministers Maij: 17° Anno Dni 1646:—

By Vertue of an Order of both Houses of Parliament of the second of May last. It is Ordered that the yearely sume of fforty pounds bee payd out of the profitts of the Impropriate Rectory of Gouldington in the County of Bedford, sequestred from the Earle of Northton Delinquent, to and for increase of the Maintenance of John Knapp Minister of Gouldington aforesaid the Viccaridge whereof is worth but fforty pounds p Annu. And the

sequestrators of the premisses are required to pay the same accordingly att such tymes and seasons of the yeare, as the sayd profitts are due and payable, and the Arreares thereof payable at or since the 22th of Aprill last.

HAR: GRIMSTON.

(*Ibid.* 1 F, fol. 338.)

BIDDENHAM.

Att the Comtee for Plundred Ministers July the first Anno dni 1646:—

By vertue of an order of both howses of Parlt of the second of May last. It is ordered that the yearly some of fifty pounds bee paid out of the Tythes of the imppriate Rectory of Leighton Bussard, which are ariseinge & groweinge within the p'cincts of the Chapelry of Stambridge in the County of Bedd sequestred from Sr Thomas Leigh Knt delinquent to & for increase of the maintenance of the Minister of Biddenham in the said County the p'sent maintenance belongeinge to the said Church beeinge but A stipend of tenne pounds p. Ann. (Provided that the former Order of the Seventh of May last for payment of 50l p. Annu out of the Rent reserved to the Prebends of Lincolne out of there possessions in Chichester Rectory bee discharged) And the Sequestrators of the p'misses are required to pay the same accordingly att such tymes & seasons of the yeare as the said tyths & p'ffitts shall growe due & payable.

HAR: GRIMSTON.

(*Ibid.* 2 F, fol. 520.)

(*To be continued.*)

MAYORS OF BEDFORD.

(Vol. II. pp. 49, 240; Vol. III. p. 92.)

THE following list collected, with one exception, from the Municipal Records of the Borough of Bedford consists, for the most part, of additions to previous lists; in some cases the dates, as formerly given, have been corrected. The names of "John Williams, 159– ," and "Mr. Beaumont, 1610," II. 240, and III. 92, should be deleted.

1453 John Arthur.*
1495 John Alwey.
1496 Thomas May.
1509 Robert Smyth.
1510 Simon West.
1511 Thomas Heche.
1512 Thomas Knight.
1513 Thomas Heche.
1514 Thomas Knight.
1520 Thomas Vinter.
1521 Richard Halam.
1522 John Albony.
1549 Henry Fitzhugh.
1563 Henry Lawrence.
1583 Robert Waller.
1584 Thomas Abbys.
1585 Thomas Hawes, jun.
1586 Alex^r Hunt.
1587 Richard Bell.
1588 Thomas Abbys.
1589 Thomas Hawes, sen.
1590 Samuel Chrystie.
1591 William Wilson.
1592 Robert Waller.
1593 William Negus.
1594 Thomas Hawes, jun.
1595 Thomas Abbys.
1596 John Stanton.
1597 Simon Beckett.
1598 William Negus.
1599 Thomas Hawes, jun.
1600 Thomas Hawes, sen.
1601 Thomas Hawes, jun.
1602 Robert Waller.
1603 Robert Lawrence.
1604 Thomas Abbys.
1605 Robert Heche.
1606 Simon Beckett, sen.
1607 James Payley.
1609 Thomas Hawes, jun.
1610 Thomas Hawes, sen.
1611 Peter Bamford.
1612 Thomas Abbys
1617 William Waller.
1618 Thomas Hawes.
1619 William Abbys.
1620 Robert Hawes.
1621 Robert Bamforth.
1622 Peter Bamforth.
1623 Thomas Spencer.
1624 William Faldoe.
1625 William Waller.
1626 William Abbys.
1627 Stephen Luxford.
1628 John Spencer.
1629 Robert Bamford.

* Early Charter 32 H. vi.

1630 Thomas Waller.
1631 William Waller.
1632 Thomas Paradine.
1633 Thomas Hawes.
1634 William Abbys.
1636 John Whitaker.
1637 John Spencer.
1638 Robert Hawes.
1639 John Eston.
1640 Thos. Hawes.
1641 Robert Bamforth.
1642 Robert Bell.
1643 William Palye.
1644 Simon Beckett, sen.
1645 Frances Banester.
1646 John Crow.

Query.

POTTER STREET.—Can any of your correspondents throw light on the origin of this name, by which one of the oldest thoroughfares in the Borough of Bedford was for centuries distinguished, till the Town Council were induced to change it? It has been suggested that the Latin "Porta" is a likely derivation; but though it is highly probable that there was a vicinal way connecting the Roman station near the modern Sandy with Bedford, which road may have occupied the site of the present street, this town was never surrounded by a wall, and consequently could hardly have had a gate or bar of sufficient importance to give a name to a thoroughfare. In the case of the well-known Potter Gate at Lincoln, the word "gate" most probably comes from the Danish *gata*, a street, and does not refer to the neighbouring archway, which was erected in the time of Edward II., but in a recent guide to the city it is said that the thoroughfare is called Potter Gate (or Potter Street), because a Roman pottery existed close by. The same has been asserted respecting our Potter Street, but I am not aware that there is even the flimsiest shred of tradition to support the statement.

T. GWYN ELGER.

Bedford, May 3, 1892.

BEDFORDSHIRE

NOTES AND QUERIES.

Proceedings of Committee for Plundered Ministers.

(Continued from p. 350.)

State Papers. Domestic Series: Interregnum. Order Books 1–4 F. (*Public Record Office.*)

Southill.

By the Comittee for plundred Minist[rs] February 11th, 1652:—

Whereas this Comittee the 7th of May 1646 graunted fforty poundes ayeare out of the Impropriate Rectory of Steventon in the County of Bedford Seqrd from S[r] Lewis Dives Delinquent for increase of the maintennce of M[r] John Cradock Minist[r] of Old warden in the said County. For that the said M[r] Cradock is since deceased and there is noe Minist[r] setled in the said Church. It is ordered that the said fforty poundes a yeare bee and the same is hereby transferred vpon and graunted for increase of maintennce to M[r]. William Taylor Minist[r] of the parish Church of Southill in the County aforesaid togeather with all arreares thereof incurred since the 29th of Septemb[r] last his p'sent maintennce not exceeding ffifty poundes ayeare. And the Comission[rs] for Sequestrations in the said County are required to pay the said arreares and continue the payment of the said Forty poundes ayeare to the said M[r] Taylor according to the Act of Parliament in that behalfe.

Gilbt Millington
John Lowry.

ex Jo: Bourchier
Roger Gratwick.

John Lynn maketh oath yt he examined the within written ordr with ye record and ffindeth it to agree therewith.

JO: LYNNE.

Sworn before ye Comrs
ye 22th of feb 1652.

R M

(*Ibid.* 2 F, fol. 655.)

COPLE.

By ye Commissionrs of Seqons for the County of Bedds Gentl.

We lately receed an Ordr from you of the 4th of May last past for the pay'emt of an arreare of 22l vnto Mr Richard Reade being an augmentacon payeable vnto him out of ye Rectory of Newnham for serueing of the Cure of Cople in the sd County if it should appeare vnto us that ye same hath incurred and growne due since the 24th day of Decembr 1649 and before the 6th of Septembr 1650. In pursueance whereunto we haue examined the buissinesse and vpon ye Certificate of the Sequestratrs to ye former Comtee as likewise vpon the Oath of one of the Inhabitants of Cople afores'd it doth appeare vnto us that ye sd Mr Reade did serue the sd Cure of Cople from Michas 1649 to fiue weekes after Lady day 1650 and that he was not (for that time) payde any p'te of the sd augmentacon. We doe therefore (being vnsatisfied in ye pviso in yor Ordr) desire yor resolucons whether we shall pay him ye arreare of the sd augmentacon from Michas aforesd to the 5th weeke after Lady day followeing (his halfe yeare then ending) or from ye 24th day of December aforesd to ye s'd 5th weeke after Lady day. In order to wch we haue suspended our judgemt and in expectacon of yor answeare remaine.

(Gent)
Yor very affectonate freinds
and servants

EDW CATER
JOSEPH BARBOR.

Bedds 13° July 1652
[Endorsed]

For the hon^ble^ the Com^rs^ for Compoundeing &c.
sitteing at Habberdashers Hall
these p'sent
London.
(*Ibid.* 2 F, fol. 685.)

OLD WARDEN.

By the Comittee for plundred Ministers Nouemb^r^ 4th 1652.

Whereas this Comittee the 7th of May 1646 graunted fforty poundes ayeare out of the Impropriate Rectory of Steventon in the County of Bedford seq^rd^ from Sr Lewis Dives Delinquent for increase of the maintennce of the Minist^r^ of Old warden in the said County. And have by subsequent Orders enjoyned the Comission^rs^ for Sequestracons in the said County to pay vnto Mr John Cradock Minist^r^ of the said Church all arreares of the said fforty poundes ayeare to him due. And the said Comissioners for Sequestracons in the said County were by order of the first of Septemb^r^ last to pay vnto him all arreares of the said Augmentacon incurred since the 31th of October 1651 or shew Cause to the Contrary the 28th of Octob^r^ last. And noe Cause hath bin shewen to the Contrary although the said order hath bin duely serued. But the said Mr Cradock is since deceased. It is therefore ordered that all arreares of the said fforty pounds ayeare wch became due and payable the 29th of Septemb^r^ last bee paid vnto the Executors or Administrators of the said Mr Cradock. Which the Comission^rs^ aforesaid are required to pay vnto them accordingly w^th^in one monthe next ensuing.

JAMES FFISHER.
THO: ATKIN W CAWLEY.
PE. TEMPLE.

James Highmore of Mary Abchuch Lundon Clothworker maketh oath this order aboue writen was examyed by him with the Booke remaining with the Clerke to the Comittee of Plundered ministers.

JAMES HIGHMORE.

Sworne before ye Com^rs^
ye R M
(*Ibid.* 2 F, fol. 748.)

ANCIENT CHARTERS RELATING TO EDWORTH.

(Extracted from the Chartulary of Newenham Priory, Harl. MS. 3656).

De annuo redditu I *marcæ in Eddeworth.*

Sciant præsentes et futuri quod ego Willielmus de Hulmo dedi &c. Priori et Canonicis de Newenham illam marcatam redditus cum pertinentiis in Eddeworth quam aliquando tradidi eis ad firma ad terminum viginti annorum quum omnes terras meas liberaverunt a Judaisino, viz. de Roberto Baron iiis. de W. Palmere iiis. de Gaufrido de Estwyc iiiis. de Ricardo fil Hugonis xiid. de Ricardo filio Willielmi xiid. de Galiena xvid. habendam et tenendam prænominatis Canonicis de me et heredibus meis in perpetuum pacificæ & integre libere et quiete ab omni servitio & exactione ad me & heredibus meis pertinente. Et quicquam juris vel possessionis habui vel habere potui tam in prædicto reditu quam in præfatis tenentibus et eorum tenementis. Scilicet in homagiis & serviciis wardis releviis & eschaetis & omnibus aliis exeuntibus & pertinentiis suis in villa et extra villam sine aliquo retenemento. Salva tenatura prædictorum tenentium & heredum suorum secundum legem terræ & salvo forinseco servitio capitali domino faciendo per manûs prædictorum Canonicorum. Et ego Willielmus et heredes mei quiete clamavimus præfatis Canonicis et eorum prædictis tenentebus sectam curiæ nostræ imperpetuum. Et acquietabimus præfatos Canonicos de omnibus sectis cujus-cunque curiæ quæ ab eis exigi possunt aliquo tempore ratione. Et ego W. et heredes mei &c. Et ut hæc mea donatio &c. Hiis testibus &c. (Fol. 213b.)

Alia ejusdem de annuo redditu IXd.

Sciant præsentes et futuri quod ego Willielmus de Hulmo dedi &c. Priori & Canonicis de Newenham redditum novem denariorum in Eddeworthe qui mihi remanserat post quam contuleram præfatis Canonicis unum marcatum redditus in eadem villa viz. unius denarii quem mihi reddere consueverat Ricardus filius Willielmi & octo denariorum quos mihi &c. Willielmus filius Roysiæ pro tenementis quæ de me tenuerant in eadum villa & quicquid in prædictis tenementis habui vel habere potui sine omni

tenemento Habendum et tenendum de me et heredibus meis imperpetuum libere & quiete ab omni seculari servitio vel ad heredes meos pertinente. Et ego et heredes mei prædictum redditum &c. (Fol. 213b.)

Alia ejusdem de I roda terræ arabilis.

Sciant præsentes et futuri quod ego Willielmus de Hulmo intuitu caritatis dedi et concessi deo et Canonicis de Newenham unam rodam terræ arabilis in campo de Eddeworth versus aquilonem & jacet inter terram Radulphi Beluncle versus austrum & terram Nicholai de Piriton versus aquilonem & lancat super stratam regiam versus Baldoc. Habendam et tenendam imperpetuum integre libere et quiete ab omni seculari servitio et demanda. Et ego & heredes mei &c. (Fol. 213b.)

Omnium terrarum et tenementorum & redditiuum Ratificatio in Henteworth & Eddeworth.

Universis ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit. Ego Stephanus de Eddeworth miles salutem in domino. Noveritis me pro salute animæ meæ cocessisse et præsenti scripto confirmasse Priori et Conventui de Newenham dimidium feodum militis in terris tenementis et aliis pertinentiis suis in Henxteworth & Eddeworth quod habent de dono Willielmi de Hulmo faciendo mihi et heredibus meis forinsecum servitium viz. releviis & scutagiis quam pertinet ad dictum dimiduim feodum militis pro omnibus aliis serviciis secularibus et curiæ sectis. Et ego dictus Stephanus et heredes mei vel assignati mei, dicto Priori et Conventui dictum dimidium feodum militis cum omnibus pertinentiis suis warantizabimus acquietabimus & defendemus imperpetuum contra omnes gentes per prædictum servitium in cujus rei testimonium præsenti scripto in modo chirographi confecto Ego et Prior prædictus alternatim sigilla nostra apposuimus. Hiis testibus &c. (Fol. 214b?)

De duabus acris terræ in Eddeworth.

Sciant præsentes et futuri quod ego Galfridus de Astewic dedi concessi &c. Priori et Canonicis de Newenham in liberam puram et perpetuam eleemosynam duas acras terræ arabilis in Eddeworth quarum una jacet in Northcampo ejusdem villæ dimidia scilicet acra apud Chiselput

inter terras Hugonis filii Rogeri et Arnoldi Petteny. Et una roda et dimidia in Madfurlong & abuttat versus Stokene inter terras Johannis filii Ricardi et Ricardi Beluncle. Et dimidia roda apud Gibwey juxta terram Gilberti Præpositi. Et alia campo acra de South cujus dimidia acra jacet apud Yresine inter terras Galfridi de Hulmo et Umfridi de Glutton. Et alia dimidia acra apud Wodhill inter terras Ricardi filii Willielmi et Roberti Durdent habendas et tenendas imperpetuum libere et quiete ab omni seculari servitio ad me vel ad heredes meos pertinente. Et ego et heredes mei warantizabimus &c. In cujus rei testimonium. (Fol. 214b.)

De una acra terræ in campis de Eddeworth.

Sciant præsentes et futuri quod ego Johannes filius Ricardi de Eddeworth dedi et concessi &c. Priori et Canonicis de Newenham unam acram terræ cum pertinentiis suis in campis de Eddeworth cujus medietas jacet in Southcampo inter terram ecclesiæ ejusdem villæ et terram quæ fuit Willielmi Pernull. Et alia medietas jacet in Northcampo et lancat versus Wynedell inter terram Ricardi de Stratton & terram prædicti Willielmi Pernull Habendam et tenendam imperpetuum in puram et perpetuam eleemosynam liberam et quietam ab omni seculari servitio consuetudine et demanda. Et ego et heredes mei &c. (Fol. 215.)

De tota terra Alexandri de Eddeworth cum capitali messuagio homagio redditibus &c.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos &c. Ego Alexander filius Alexandri de Eddeworth capellani salutem in domino. Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse concessisse &c. Priori et Canonicis de Newenham in liberam perpetuam eleemosynam totam terram meam in Eddeworth quam habui de dono Sampsonis filii Willielmi de Eddeworth in eadem villa cum capitali messuagio & ædificiis homagiis redditibus et omnibus aliis pertinentiis suis infra villam & extra sine aliquo retenimento Habendam et tenendam de Ricardo filio Willielmi & heredibus suis libere et quiete imperpetuum. Reddendo inde prædicto & heredibus suis viginti & octo denarios ad quatuor anni termina ad festum Ste Thomæ apostoli septem denarios, ad anunciationem beatæ Mariæ septem denarios ad nativitatem Ste Johannis

Bapt. septem denarios ad festum Ste Michaelis septem denarios pro omni seculari servitio &c. Salvo servitio domini regis quantum pertinet ad totum tenementum de eodem feodo in eadem villa sicut carta prædicti Sampsonis quam inde habent testatur. Et ego &c. Hiis testibus &c. (Fol. 215.)

Ratificatio prædictorum.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos &c. Alexander de Eddeworth capellanus salutem in domino. Noverit universitas vestra me caritatis intuitu ratam & gratam habere donationem quam Alexander filius meus fecit Priori et Canonicis de Newenham de tota terra sua cum pertinentiis quam habuit de dono Sampsonis patris mei in villa de Eddeworth sicut carta ejusdem Alexandri quam inde habent testatur Prædictam igitur donacionem Alexandri filii mei præsenti scripto et sigilli mei appositione confirmavi. Hiis testibus &c. (Fol. 215.)

De terra in Eddeworth cum pertinentiis.

Sciant præsentes et futuri quod ego Sampson filius Willielmi de Eddeworth dedi & concessi &c. Alexandro filio Milisent filiæ Reginaldi de Hulla pro homagio et servitio suo totam terram meam quam habui in villa de Eddeworth scilicet in messuagiis in ædificiis homagiis et redditibus cum omnibus pertinentiis suis sine ullo retenimento. Habendam et tenendam de me et heredibus meis libere & quiete & integre & hereditare sibi et heredibus suis vel cui dare vel assignare voluerit. Reddendo inde annuatim XXVIIId. ad quatuor anni terminos pro omnibus sectis serviciis et demandis. Salvo servitio domini regis quantum pertinet ad totum tenementum ejusdem feodi in eadem villa. (Fol. 215b.)

Confirmato prædictorum.

Sciant præsentes et futuri quod ego Alexander filius Sampsonis de Eddeworth concessi & confirmavi Alexandro filio Milicent filiæ Reginaldi de Hulla totum tenementum cum omnibus pertinentiis suis quod pater meus dedit præfato Alexandro in villa de Eddeworth habendum et tenendum sicut carta quam habet a patre meo attestatur Hiis testibus &c. (Fol. 215b.)

De annuo redditu Id. in Eddeworth.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos præsens scriptum pervenerit Alexander de Eddeworth chapellanus salutem in domino. Noverit universitas vestra me dedisse & concessisse Priori & Conventui de Newenham unam denariatam redditus quam Sylvester Carpentarius & heredes sui mihi reddere tenebantur pro III acris terræ et dimidia quas de me tenuerunt in territorio de Fulmere. Et quicquid in prædicto tenimento habui vel habere potui sine aliquo retenemento. Habendam et tenendam imperpetuum in puram et perpetuam eleemosynam liberam et quietam ab omni seculari servicio & demanda. Et ego et heredes mei &c. (Fol. 215b.)

Item ibidem carta Ricardi filii Radulphi dicto Alexandro capellano de Eddeworth de dictis III acris et dimidia in campo de Fulmere.

Gleanings from Parish Registers.

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PERTENHALL.

Todde Family.

1586	Aug. 31	John, s. of Edmunde, bapt.	
1588	Feb. 27	Richard, s. of ,, ,,	
1590	Jan. 6	James, s. of ,, ,,	
1592	May 28	Mary, d. of ,, ,,	
1593	Aug. 5	Edmund, s. of ,, ,,	Bur. 12 Nov.
1595	Feb. 12	Anne, d. of ,, ,,	
1598	Jul. 17	Elizabeth, d. of ,, ,,	
1600	Oct. 18	John Todde bur.	
1602	Nov. 28	Dorithea, d. of Edmunde bapt.	Born 20 Nov.
1604	May 13	Sarah, d. of ,, ,,	Born in Sussex 12 May.
1614	Aug. 31	Mary Todde bur.	
1618	Nov. 20	Jane, d. of Richard, bapt.	
1619	Jan. 1	John, s. of ,, ,,	
1621	Sep. 2	Thomas, s. of ,, ,,	
1623	Mar. 25	Edmunde, s. of ,, ,,	
1624	Aug. 8	Sibell, d. of ,, ,,	
1625	,, 21	Maria, d. of ,, ,,	Bur. 23rd.

1626	Nov.	26	James Todde, bur.
1627	Apr.	1	Walter, s. of Richard, bapt.
1628	Sep.	28	Francis, s. of ,, ,,
1630	Jun.	30	Elizabeth, d. of ,, ,,
1631	Aug.	14	Edward, s. of ,, ,,
1635	Apr.	15	Thomas, s. of ,, ,,
1640	Feb.	11	Nathaniell, s. of ,, ,,
1653	Sep.	12	John, s. of ,, bur.
,,	Feb.	2	Henry, s. of John, ,,
1654	Mar.	30	Mary, d. of ,, ,,
1657	Nov.	28	Richard, gent., ,,
,,	Jan.	11	Elizabeth, wife of Richard ,,
1663	Feb.	26	Edmund, s. of Nathaniell ,,
1666	May	29	Mary, d. of ,, bapt.
1667	Feb.	2	Richard, s. of ,, & Mary, bapt.
1670	Apr.	16	John, s. of ,, gent., ,,
1676	Dec.	5	John, s. of Mary, widow, bur.
1679	Feb.	5	Mary, widow, bur.

Cadwell Family.

1684	Dec.	11	Alice, wife of John, bur.
,,	Dec.	9	Eliz'th., d. of John & Alice, bapt.
1697	Nov.	4	John, s. of John & Mary, bapt. Born 17 Feb.
1700	Nov.	4	Robert, s. of ,, & ,, ,, ,, 28 Oct.
1706	May	10	William, s. of ,, & ,, ,, ,, 26 Apr.
,,	Dec.	22	John Cadwell, bur.

Rolt Family.

1624	Sep.	30	The Ladie Miriam Livanne, wife of Edward Rolt, Esq., bur.
1632	Apr.	26	Walter Rolt & Millisent Parker, mar.
1637	May	29	Oliver, s. of Edward, Esq., bap.
1659	Mar.	5	Frances, wife of Henry, bur.
1667	Apr.	11	Henry Rolt, bur.
1673	Nov.	6	Dorothy ,, ,,
1690	Jun.	8	Stephen Rolt attests Dr. King's reading in.
1698	May	12	Edward Rolt, gent., bur.

Donne Family.

1629	Aug.	31	Patrick Donne, bur.
1656	Jul.	9	Ann, d. of John, born.
1658	May	3	Martha, d. of Mr. John, Rector, bur.
,,	Sep.	—	,, d. of Mr. ,, ,, born.

Gray Family.

1590	Jan.	6	John, s. of John Gray, bur.
1592	Nov.	5	,, s. of ,, the younger, bapt.
1595	Apr.	6	Katharine, d. of John, bapt.
1597	Oct.	3	Oliver, s. of ,, ,,
1598	Feb.	22	John, s. of Thomas, ,,
1600	Apr.	13	Jane, d. of John, bapt. Bur. 9 Jan. 1601.
1603	Feb.	15	Judith, d. of ,, ,,
1604	Aug.	15	Henry Walker & Margaret Gray, mar.
1614	Jun.	21	Katharine Gray, bur.
1616	Aug.	22	Walter ,, ,,
1617	Feb.	12	John Harding & Katherine Gray, mar.
1618	Jan.	26	John Gray, bur.
1658	Aug.	26	Mr. Francis Gray, bur.
,,	Sep.	1	Alice, wife of Mr. Francis, bur.
,,	Nov.	27	Walter, gent., bur.
1661	Aug.	18	Sybell, wife of Symon, gent., bur.
1662	Apr.	30	Sibbel, Gray, wid., bur.
1663	Jan.	30	Judith Gray, bur.
1685	Dec.	15	Susanna, wife of Simon, gent., bur.

Fisher Family.

1670	May	30	Mr. Jasper Fisher & Mrs. Mary Gray, wid., mar.
1672	Apr.	26	Mary, d. of Mr. Jasper, bapt.
1678	Nov.	19	William, s. of ,, ,, gent., & Mary, bapt.
1680	Apr.	2	Eliz'th, d. of ,, ,, & Mary, bapt.
,,	Oct.	21	Jasper, gent., bur.

Miscellaneous.

1693	Jun.	28	Eliz., d. of George Vaughan, gent., & Eliz'th, bapt.
1694	Feb.	10	Geo. Vaughan attests Mr. Cheyne's reading in.
1695	Jan.	8	Mary, d. of George Vaughan, gent., & Eliz'th, bapt. Born 24 Dec.
1708	Mar.	2	Simon Taylor, of Woburn, & Mary Oliver, mar. by lic. His s. Simon T. mar. — Ash, & his grandson Simon Oliver T. sold the estates to the Rev. Mr. Pagett, & others. The grandson mar. Miss Edwards of Henlow.
1710	Nov.	12	Mary, wife of James Oliver, gent., bur.
,,	Mar.	5	James Oliver, gent., bur.

Monumental Inscriptions.

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LEIGHTON-BUSSARD.*

"Heare lieth the bodye of Ales Carlil and wife to Sur Christover Hodsdon deceased in anno Domini 1602."

"Heare lieth the bodey of Sur Christover Hodsdon Knight howe deseased in anno Domini 1610."

LIDLINGTON.

"Here lieth the body of | Richard Jones Gent sonne | vnto Roger Iones shreife | of London he married the eldest daughter of Roger | Hackett doct^r of Divinity & | had issve by her 4 sonnes | and 8 davghters & dep'ted | this life the 8th August 1657 | Being neare 73 yeares of age."

"Here lyeth Richard Jones | Citizen and Grocer of London | the 2^d sonn of Richard Jones who | Died the 22th of September Ano | Domini 1669 aged 47 yeares."

MARSTON-MORTEYNE.

S. side of Chancel—

"Pray for the soul of Mary Lentton late wyfe of Thomas Reynes sqvery which died the xxviii day of Decr in ye year of our lord MVvj upon whose sovle Jesu have mercy."

"Sub hoc marmore sepulti jacent Thoma^s Snagg Armiger et Anna uxor ejus qui Thomas fuit filius primogenitus Thomae Snagg militis, et haeres legitimus Avi sui Thomas Snagg Armigeri Servientis ad Legem et quae Anna fuit filia primogenita Edmundi Mordant de Oakeley in hoc comitatu Armigeri.

Praedictus Thomas ex hac vita discessit vicessimo die Aprilis Anno Dni 1642 et Anna Obiit Januarij septimo Anno Dni 1657.

In quorum charissimorum parentum memoriam Thomas Snagg Armiger filius natu maximus."

* Other inscriptions will be found in "Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica" vol. iii., N.S., p. 339.

"Here lyeth the Body of THOMAS SNAGGE | Esq. of MARSTON in the County of BEDFORD. | Who Decended from Sarjant SNAGGE in the | Reigne of QUEENE ELIZABETH by Decent the | fifth Generation who left behind him two sonnes | the eldest THOMAS and the youngest | EDWARD which he had by his first wife DOROTHY | NICHOLLS Daughter to Sr EDWARD NICHOLLS of | NORTHAMPTON sheire who Departed this life | the 23 day of July Anno Domini 1687 And in the 42 yeare of his Age."

Mural Tablet S. wall of Chancel—

"In Memory of THOMAS SNAGGE | Esq. Eldest son of THOMAS SNAGGE Esq. | and Dorotha his wife who departed | this life in the 26th year of his Age at | Paris in France the 28th day of August | in the 10th year of our Soveraigne | Lord King WILLIAM | the third Anno Domini 1698."

Rev. T. H. Gawthrop ob. 2 Nov. 1836 aet 69.

Rev. James Wood D.D. 19 years Rector ob. at Bath 26 Dec. 1814.

"Here Lyeth the Body | of EDWARD SNAGG Esqr. of Merston | in the County of Bedford (who Desende | from Sariant Snagg in the Reign of Queen | Elizabeth by Desent of the 6th generation) | He left behind him only one Son Edward | which he had by his Last wife MARY WILLYS | one of the Daughters of Sr JOHN WILLYS of | Fen Ditton in the County of Cambridg | He Departed this Life the 12th Day | of December Anno Domini 1715 In the | 41st year of his Age."

Arms—Three pheons.

MAULDEN.

"Near this | Place Lie Interred | The Bodies of | RICHARD & DOROTHY ALLYN, | The only Son, and Daughter of | RICHARD ALLYN, B.D. Rectr of this Church | by Dorothea His Wife. | Children, | Whose Good Qualities, | Natural, and Acquired, | Rendered them the Admiration | Of all who Beheld them ; | The Delight of all who knew them. | They were | Lovely, & Pleasant, in their Lives : | And in their Death | They were not long Divided : | She dying of a Sudden Indisposition, | August 1st 1719. | In the xvith year of Her Age ; | He by a slow Fever June ivth 1720 | In His xvth Year."

Arms—Sable a cross potent or, charged with a label of three poin .

MEPPERSHALL.

A bust on the wall on the north side of the Altar has this inscription :—

"TIMOTHEUS ARCHER, Sacr: Theólog: | Professor per quadraginta duos Annos | Rector hujus Ecclesiae et de Blunham | multos expertus casus sequestratus, et | post longam restitutus hic tandem | in pace requiescit ob. Decemb. 2 1672."

MILLBROOK.

In the chancel is a tomb with recumbents effigies of a man and woman; also on the front panel the figures of two men kneeling. The inscription is as follows :—

"Hic jacet Armigeri GULIELMI corpvs HVETTI Vxorisq suae MARIAE quam fata priorem Eripvere duos natos tunc mortua Mater Post se sollicito patri mvndoq reliquit Haec est conditio statvs hic Haec gloria carnis Nostra sit haec quamvis non est lvx crastina Nostra.

GULIELMUS } obijt { 7mo de Jvnij 1602."
MARIA }

Arms—I. Quarterly of 4; 1 & 4 Hewet, 2 & 3 Gules billettée argent, a crescent for difference.

II. Hewett, with many quarterings.

III. Hewett impaling—Sable, three mascles argent.

MILTON-ERNEST.

"Memoriae Sacrum | T: R: | Here lyeth interred ye body of | THOMAS ROLT of this Parish Esq. | who marryed ye Davghter of | Doctor THOMAS COXE | Physitian in Ordinary to | King Charles ye second by | whome he left issve two sons | SAMVELL and THOMAS and three | Davghters, JANE MARY and CATHERINE | The said Thomas Rolt departed | this life ye 26 September | 1672 and in ye 31 yeare of | his age."

"P.M.S. | Of CHRISTOPHER TURNOR Esq. | who married ISABELLA ye Daughter of S^{r} | WALTER HEARNYST K^{t} & EDMUND his Son | Married one of ye Daughters of S^{r} W^{m} | WADE K^{t} & CHR: his Son who Married one | of the Daughters of Esq. ESTWICK | Christopher his Son Married HELENA y^{e} | Daughter of THO: SAMS Esq: & Sr Chr: | his Son K^{t} one of the Barons of the | Exchequer He Married JOYCE the | Daughter of THO: WARWICK

Esqr | Obijt 19th of May 1675 | Erected by Sr Edm: Turnor K^{t} | youngest son of ye sd Christ^{r} | and Helena his wife."

"P.M.S. | Here lies Interr'd | in Hopes of a Joyfull | Resurrection | the Body of SAMUEL ROLT Esq. | of this Parish, who Dep^{ed} this Life | Octr ye 4th in ye Year of our Lord | 1717 in ye 46th year of his Age."

"M.S. | Of Mrs SUSANNA ROLT, wife of | SAM: ROLT Esqr & third daughter of | RICH^{D} POULTER of the city of London | Merch^{t}. She Exchanged this life for a | better Aug. 30th 1726. Ætatis suae 53. | Erected by Tho: Rolt Esqr | Son of the said Susanna 1733."

"Here | Lies the Body of | STEPHEN ROLT Vicar | of this Parish, He Died | March the 9th 1738 | in ye 75th year of his Age | Here also lies the Body of | ELIZABETH Wife of ye above | Stephen Rolt who Died | August 19th 1746 Aged 80."

There is one more inscription with a shield of 4 quarters to Francis Barty (? Bertie), of Oakley, Esq., dated 1615, but it is so obliterated that it is impossible to decipher it.

NORTHILL.

"Hic jacet nonagenarius plusquam Senex | HUMPHREDUS FYSHE Armiger. | Cujus si Vitam non Annis, sed virtutibus metiris Confitebere longiorem | Vixit enim bis quia vixit bene | Quatuor genuit Filios Filias totidem Nepotes etiam vidit | Omnes sui similes Omnes vere Fyshios | Aliam quoque prolem habuit Fere innumerabilem | Nam si quis erat orbus puer aut vidua Anus | si quos Ruina oppresserat aut Calamitas, His se ille Patrem, His se patronum obtulit. | Ickwelliae obiit 3: Non: Apr. 1720 | Nec procul pio ab Sene Catharina Uxor jacet | Fido Liberorum agmine | HENRICO, HUMPHREDO, THOMA, CATHARINAQUE | Nepote etiam THOMA CONINGSBIO circum stipita | In Æde Sacrâ de Northill | Ubi Mortuorum Hac ex Familiâ conduntur Ossa | Unde et Viventium ascendunt Preces."

Arms—Azure, a ferre argent, over all on a bend gules five mullets or, impaling—A chevron—between three cross crosslets.

PERTENHALL.

"Near to this place lyes the body of EDWARD ROLT Esq. eldest son & heir of EDWARD ROLT Esq & MARY

youngest daughter to Sr OLIVER CROMWELL who was buried the 7th day of May 1698.

EDWARD ROLT his grandfather 7 Nov. 1616.

JANE eld. d. of THOMAS BALDWIN of Gt. Stoughton Esq. his grandmother bur. 28 Dec. 1633.

EDW. ROLT his father bur. 12 Sept. 1652.

MARY his mother bur. 30 May 1632.

Sister JANE ROLT here interred."

"RICHARD GISBY of Kimbolton | gent ob. 4 Feb. 1699. Aet. 72 | Richard his youngest s. gent who | ob. 23 Apr. 1690 Aet. 22."

"Hic jacet JOHANNES ESTON | Hujus Ecclie Rector | per 20 annos | ob. 20 Apr. 1680 Aet. 57."

"Hic jacet Susanna uxor | Simonis Gray, gen."

"Agnes Helder als' Spicer | bur. 5 Mar. 1645."

"JAMES OLIVER gent | & MARY his wife of this par. | James ob. 1 March 1710 aet. 63 | Mary ob. 8 Nov. 1710 aet. 65 | Issue 1 s. & 6 daurs. | whereof 5 died in infancy at London | PENELOPE & MARY survived | PENELOPE m. THOS. BOSWELL of Dean Esq. | MARY m. SIMON TAYLOR of Woburn, gent. | she ob. 21 Jan. 1709 aet. 22 | & left behind 1 son SIMON TAYLOR."

"Rev. ROBT. PARADINE A.M. | Rector of this par. 31 years | & of Wilden 24 years | ob. 12 Feb. 1742 aet. 78 | He m. ELIZ'TH d. of JOHN KING | of Chelsea who ob. 17 May aet. 47 | Mon: erected by Mrs. Elizabeth & Mr. Robt. Battison."

"SVSANNAE GRAY | Filia GEDEONIS FISHER | Gen̄. de Carlton in Com̄ Bedd. | Ex Antiqua stirpe Ortae | Hoc Monumentum Memoriae | Sacrum SIMON GRAY Gen. | Maritus Mærens posuit in | Amoris inuiolati Testimonium | Aetatis Suae 21."

PULLOXHILL.

"Near to this place doe lie buried ye bodies of GEORGE FITZ esquire lord of ye manor of Beeches | & vpburie & of ANN his wife eldest daughter of | PETER DUCKETT in ye county of Leicester gent they | lived in marriag together 16 years & had no issue | ye said George deceased ye 15 day of August 1603 | 63 of his age the said Ann dyed 15 November 1596 | and among many other of his charitable deeds gave | tenne pounds to be bestowed for the benefit and | good of the poor of this parish for ever."

"Here lyeth ye bodies of | SYMON HALE of Puleoxhill | in ye County of Bedford | Gen^t who dyed ye 2^d day | of March 1677 and of | JUDETH his wife (daughter | of BENIAMEN PIGOTT of Ne | ther Graven^hurst Esq) who | dyed 21 day of May 1680."

"To the Perpetuall Memory of ye Virtuous | and Pious Mrs. MARY REYNARDSON | wife | of ALLEN REYNARDSON of Pulloxhill in the County of | Bedford gent. By whom he had two Daughters | ANN and MARY of the latter of which She died on y^e | 27th of March 1700 | She was third Daughter to ROBERT SAUNDERSON of | Diddington in the County of Huntingdon Esq. | Where she was born but was Interred near this place | on Goodfriday in the year above mentioned and | in the 34th year of her age. Yet | She is not Dead but Sleepeth."

"Here Lyeth the Body of Mrs. | MARY SANDERSON widdow and | Relict of ROBERT SANDERSON late | of South Carleton in the County of | Lincoln Esqr who dyed ye 19th of Feb^ry 1708 | Aged 67 years."

"Here also Lyeth the Body of | Mr ROBERT SANDERSON son | of the Abovenamed Robert & Mary | who dyed the 22nd of March 1708 | Aged 38 years."

Arms—Paly of six—&—, on a bend—three annulets—, impaling—a chevron—between three bull's heads caboshed—.

"Here Lieth the Body of | Mr. HINDE BROWNING | who died the 18 day of | September 1753 in the 49 | Year of His | Age."

Arms—Barry wavy of 6—&—, in chief a martlet—.

RENHOLD.

"In faelicis spem Resurrectionis spem ultra Comunam | Iuxta hoc Marmor Sepultus jacet | GULIELMUS BECHER | de Howberry in hac vicinia Eques Auratus | Filius OLIVERI BECHER Armig^ri Nepos autem | GULIELMI BECHER Equitis et ELIZABETHAE uxoris ejus | Filiae OLIVERI Baronis ST JOHN de Bletshoe | sororis Oliveri primi Comitis de Bullingbrook | Uxorem habuit ELIZABETHAM, THOMAE HILLERSDON | de Elstow in hoc Comitatu Arm^ri Relictam | Filiam vero IOÂNIS HUXLEY de Edmunton | in Comitatu Middlesex Arm^ri. | Et ex illa Progeniam GULIELMUM IOÂNEM et GEORGIUM | et filiam ELIZABETHAM e quibus Ioânes defunctus. | Insigni Pietate Iustitiâ et Modestiâ Animi | Probitate morum, miti et

liberali Ingenio | Deo Gratum, Regi et Patriae fidelem | Suisq' se Patrem praestitit | Omnibus charus Vixit, et non sine luctu publico decessit | Quinto die Decembris Ann° Ætatis Suae | Sexagesimo Annoq' Dom' 1694 | In cujus memoriam Elizabetha | Quam moestissimam reliquit superstitem | Perrene sui Amoris iudicium | Hoc Monumentum Posuit."

"In hope of a Resurrection to life Immortal | near this Marble lies Interr'd ye body | of Mrs. ELIZABETH BECHER, only | Daughter of Sr Wm BECHER late of Howberry Kt | by his Lady ELIZABETH Relict of | THOMAS HILLERSDON of Elstow Esqr | Daughter of JOHN HUXLEY of Edmunton in | Middlesex Esqr. She was a person of a mild | & serene Temper; prudent, modest, courteous | & obliging in her conduct & conversation; constant | & devout in ye exercises of Piety; strictly | observant of duty to her parents; kind | and affectionate to all her Relations | Thus decked with ye ornament of a meek | & quiet spirit she Resigned her soul to | God that gave it on ye xviith of April in ye year MDCCI."

"Under this monument lyes the Body of | WILLM BECHER Esqr. | of Howberry | Son of WILLIAM BECHER Esqr | By his first wife MARY | Daughter of MATTHEW DENNIS | of Kempson | in the County of Bedford. | A man of Great humanity and Charity | and universal benevolence. | He Lived much Esteemed | and died Lamented | by all who knew him | the 12th day of June 1751 | Aged 54 years. | This monument was erected 1753 by his | sorrowful widow Elizabeth who was the | daughter of JOHN CLARKE of the County of Middlesex Esqr."

HULCOTE.

Brass tablet on floor.

"The body of MARY the late vertvovs | and beloved Wife of WILLIA' NICHOLLS | Gent. and Davghter of RALPHE and MAR | THA SMITH was here interred in the | yeare of the Lord 1619 and being of | the age 24 yeares her Children 3 | one Davghter only in life Svsanna."

"Here lyeth interred the bodye of RICHARD CHERNOCKE, Esq: sonne and heire | of ROBERT Chernocke here remembred he had two wives the first named MARY | PVTHENAM davghter of Sr GEORGE PVTHENAM of Sherfielde in Hamshire Knight | by her he had Issue 6 sonnes

& 8 davghters. The second wife named AVDREY | FRADSOM davghter of WILLIAM FRADSOM of Elton in the Covnty of | Chester Esq: by whom he had noe issue. | He reedified his parish Churche at his owne proper charge | newe bvilt his mansion House, Thrice bare office of High | Shrife in this Shire: And Lastelye Havinge attaynd the | age of 84 yeares peaceablye and piovsly Deceased the | 14th day of August Anno Domini 1615."

"Here | Lieth the Body | of | ADRIA CHERNOCKE | 2nd Daughter of Sr VILLIERS CHERN: Bart | Who departed this Life | 16th June 1738."

HUSBORNE-CRAWLEY.

"Clavditur hac vrna patriae cinis ater alvmni | Mens tamen aeternam solvitur in patriam | Insignis solitâ Domini pietate recessit | Ad svperos, factis praemia ferre svis | Vitta Coronatvs frontem cinxisset honore | At vitae Stephano mens redimita sedet | Subiacet ROBERTVS SLINGSBIE gen. | vnvs Coronatorvm Dom. Regis | Com. Bedf. et vxor eivs ABIJA | ille obiit 3o die ivnij Annº Dom. | 1634 aetatis svae 74 | Obedientiae ac pietatis ergo | inscripsit HEZ. SLINGSBIE eiusdem | Roberti filius natv secvndvs."

"Mr. JOHN CARTER | — of Ampthill | departed this life | Nouember the 7th | in ye 26 yeare of | his age Anno. Dom. | 1701."

"Here lieth the Body | of WILLIAM CARTER gent. | Who departed this life | the 28 of August 1703 | In the 26 year of his age."

Monumental Inscriptions from other Counties relating to Bedfordshire.

(CONTINUED FROM II. p. 270.)

On the wall of the South Aisle of S. Mary's Church, Devizes, Wilts.

"In the Chancel of this Church lie interr'd | The Remains of JOHN GARTH Esqr | Son of COLONEL THOMAS GARTH of *Harold in* ye County of Bedford | By ELIZABETH Daughter of THOMAS COLLATON

Esqr | April 17th 1732, He was chose *The Recorder* | and Feb^ry 26th 1739 Elected *Representative in Parliament* | For this Borough of the DEVIZES. | Zealous in its Service and Attentive to its Prosperity | This Honour was repeatedly conferr'd upon him for ye Remainder of his Life | Ever esteeming it a real Honour to represent a Borough | Distinguished for its Loyalty, Freedom, & Progress. | To the sedentary way of Living | Which he fell into from an early and continued Love | for the Pleasures of Literature | The illness was chiefly owing that occasioned his Death | Which happened on the 26th of December 1764 aged 68 (?) | With his Cotemporaries his Virtues are in Remembrance | To Posterity the Example of his Life may be recommended. | His Wife losing by his Death the tenderest Husband His Children an affectionate Father | His Constituents a faithful Servant | and his Country an useful Citizen & a truly virtuous Man | In Testimony of her sincerest, & most dutiful Respect | This Monument is erected to his Memory | By his afflicted Widow REBECCA GARTH."

Arms—Or. 2 lions pass., between 3 crosses crosslet fitché sable—impaling or, 3 lions pass. Gules.

On a stone on the floor of the Church near the entrance of the Chancel are the names—

John Garth Esq.
Frances Garth.
Rebekah Garth, wife of John Garth Esq

On a tablet on the wall of the South Aisle of the Church of Roade, co. Northampton.

"Near | this Place Lies | *Interr'd* the *Revd.* | Mr. STEPHEN HOE HENSHAW, | Late Batchelor of Arts | of *Pembroke College* Oxford | and 29 years *Vicar* | of Chalgrave Bedford Shire | who died *May* the 24th | 1772 | In the 66th *Year* | of *his* Age. | MEMENTO MORI."

[There are entries of the Henshaw's in the Register of Courteenhall, co. Northampton.]

C. H. M.

HARLINGTON, CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS, 1678.

1677. Charles Duncombe Esqre and Mr John Burr having been Churchwardens for the p'ish of Harlington for the yeare 1677 gave up their accounts to the Inhabitants of the said p'ish the second day of Aprill Anno Dni 1678 (as followeth).

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
Inp^is^ paid to Patrick Dudgson for making the Leavy	00	01	00
Expended at the first Visitation at Ampthill	01	00	00
Given to Passengers	00	01	00
Given to Passengers	00	00	06
Laid out in going the procession	00	06	00
Ffor bread & Wine at Whitsontide	00	05	02
Given to Passengers	00	01	00
Given to Passengers upon a Speciall occasion for their reliefe	00	02	00
ffor Glassing the Church Windows	00	02	09
ffor catching of Hedghoggs	00	02	02
Given to Passengers	00	01	00
Given to Passengers	00	01	00
Given to Passengers	00	01	00
Paid for Bell Ropes	00	16	06
Given to 3 companies of Passenger	00	02	00
pd. for bread & wine for the Holy Communion	00	05	02
pd. for repairing the Vicaridge house	01	06	00
pd. for laying downe Graves in the Church	00	05	06
pd. to George Groome for ye neighbours dinners at the Court	00	17	06
pd. to Mr. Crawley for Mole-catching	00	13	04
Given to 2 companies of Passenger	00	01	06
pd. for brick Lime boards & Nailes & fixing ye Seats upon Graves	00	07	02
paid for 8 Elme boards Posts Rayles & Nails for the Church bridge at Gosly end	00	11	06
Given to Passengers	00	01	00
pd. to the Appariter	00	01	00
Given to Passengers	00	01	00
pd. for bread & wine 3 bottles at ye Communion at X̄mas	00	08	08
pd. for the Tenths	01	02	04
Given to 5 Travellers	00	00	10
pd. for a Warrant	00	01	00
ffor the Visitacon at Michas	00	13	06

	li.	*s.*	*d.*
pd. at the Court at Michas	00	03	08
ffor a 2d Communion at Xtmas	00	02	07
To the Glaziers for the Church	00	07	02
To Passengers	00	01	00
pd. for building a Chimney in ye Almeshouse . .	00	18	06
for the reliefe of 9 poore Souljers whe the loss of Limbes	00	05	00
To Passengers	00	00	06
paid to the Clerke for keeping the clocke . . .	01	06	08
for Washing the Surplice	00	05	00
for 10 Days worke of a carpenter in the Church .	00	15	00
for Nails about ye Church worke	00	03	07
for drinke for the workmen	00	00	10
for the frame & cornish at the Communion table .	00	06	00
for 100 & halfe of Boords to part the Bellfrey . .	00	14	00
for Oake Boord	00	02	00
for Timber & Sawing	00	17	00
for Carriage of the Boords	00	00	00
for bread & wine for ye Communion at Easter . .	00	10	03
for a pair of Hooks & hinges for ye Church yd gate	00	00	09
pd. for Registering this Accompt	00	01	00
for Scarlet & purple Cloth a fflagon & Linnen cloth about the Communion Table	05	08	00
Totall of the disbursements are	21	18	07
Recēd. by Bill	14	11	10
Recēd. of Richard ffells a years rent	02	00	00
Recēd. of Sr ffrancis Wingate for towne land . .	01	06	08
Recēd. for William a lands	00	10	00
Recēd. for breaking up two Graves in the Church	00	13	04
Reced. in all	19	01	10
Rests. due from ye town to ye Accomptants	02	16	09

Wm Iremonger
William Audry
Richard Carter
Mattw Makeham.

Monumental Brasses.

(Continued from II. p. 275.)

Attached to the south wall of Biddenham chancel are two brass plates (no effigies); the second one has, so far

as I know, never been printed. A peculiarity about this one is that after the word "Johis" an oak-leaf is engraved, and after the word "zebedei" a trefoil slip. Whether they possess any significance, or are merely intended as ornaments to fill up the lines, I am unable to say; they are, at any rate, unusual. John Aylyff was instituted as Rector in 1453 and died about 147–.

"Hic iacet dñs Johēs Aylyff quondam Rector
Ecclesie parochialis de Bydenham iuxta Bedford
Cuius Anime propicietur Deus Amen."

"Qui deus es trinus in p'sonis tamen vnus
P'petuis Annis Aylyff miserere Johis
Ecclesie quondam Rector fuit ipe Bydenhñ.
Quem natura mori dedit & mors hic sepeliri
Iam sibi sit requies in celis vitaque ppes
Et solamen ei duo nati dent zebedei."

MEPPERSHALL.

"Hic iacet dñs Thoma rawlyñ quondam rector hui' Eccliē qui obiit decimo sexto die Septembris A° dñi Millmo CCCCCvj° cui' aie ppicietur de' Amē."

On the same slab—

"Hoc etiam situs est THOMAE SALMON* A.M. per triginta et tres annos hujus Ecclesiae Rector, vitâ defunctus primo die Augusti 1706. Cujus propitiatio Christus. Vir haud vulgari dignas praeconio Qui vero hoc tantum inscribi voluit."

MILLBROOK.

"Robert Were preest und' this ston lyeth
That Jhu m'cy and lady help cryeth
Prayeth for our soule for charyte now
As ye wolde other dede for yow."

(*Add. MSS.* 17,456.)

* "1731 May 10 Died Mrs. Salmon at Hitchin in Hertford. She was the relict of the Rev. Mr. Salmon formerly of Mepsell in Bedfordshire. She left 3 sons. Nathaniel a clergyman in Essex; Thomas, well known for his modern history, the third a clergyman in Devonshire, and a da. in the Archbishop of Canterbury's family."—*Gents. Magazine*, 1731, p. 219.

ANCIENT CHARTERS.

Bedford, 1473.*

Sciant presentes & futuri quod nos Johannes Astuby alias dictus Smyth Thomas Balard & Johannes Suger dedimus concessimus & hac presenti carta nostra confirmauimus Johanne Plukrose de Bedford unum clausum iacentem in Bedford vocatum duffehous yerd & dictum clausum iacentem in quodam vice vocato poterstrete inter mesuagio Magistri sancti leonardi Bedford ex vna parte & Riuilum vocatum Kyngesdiche ex altera parte & extendit A vico predicto vsque ad terram magistri sancti Johannis de Bedford predictam habendum & tenendum predictum clausum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Plukrose heredibus & assignatis suis de Capitalis dominis feodi illius per seruicium inde debitum & de jure consueta inperpetuum. Et ego vero predictus Johannes Astuby alias dictus Smyth & heredes mei dictum clausum cum omnibus suis pertinenciis prefato Johanni Plukrose heredibus & assignatis suis contra omnes genstes Warantizabimus & defendemus imperpetuum In cuius rei testimonium huic presenti Carte nostre sigillam nostram apposuimus Hiis testibus Waltero Stotfold nuper maiore ville Bedfordie Johanne Halle Ricardo Anabull tunc Ballivis ville predicte Johanne Bedell Johanne Bryggus & aliis Datum apud Bedfordiam predictam decimo die mensis maij Anno regni Regis Edwardi quarti terciodecimo.

S. PETER'S PARISH, BEDFORD.

By the courtesy of the Rector of St. Peters, the Rev. W. Hart-Smith, R.D., I am enabled to give the following copies of some interesting documents preserved in the parish chest.—Ed.

LICENCE FOR NON-RESIDENCE FOR THE RECTOR OF ST. PETER'S.

On the rupture of the Treaty of Amiens on May 18th, 1803, Napoleon, under the excuse that England had captured certain French merchant ships before war was

* Original charter in the possession of Mr. Edwin Ransom, Bedford.

actually declared, detained all English visitors travelling through France and kept them as hostages. Dr. Hunt, who was returning from Constantinople, where he was Chaplain to the Ambassador, the Duke of Bedford, was thus detained as prisoner—hence this licence.

"WE George Bishop of Lincoln hereby Licence you Philip Hunt Clerk, Rector of Saint Peter Martin in Bedford in the County of Bedford within our Diocese, to be absent from your Benefice of St. Peter Martin in Bedford for two Years from the Date hereof, on account of your being a prisoner in France and consequent inability to return to the Duties of your Cure.

GIVEN under our Hand this twenty seventh Day of January in the Year of our LORD one thousand eight hundred and four.

G. Lincoln.

For the Churchwarden of
St. Peter Martin in Bedford."

ORDER OF JUSTICES FOR THE PARISH OF S. PETER TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS THE SUPPORT OF THE POOR OF S. CUTHBERT'S.

BEDFORD TOWN.

To the Church wardens and ouerseers of the poor for the parish of St Peter within the said Town.

L.S.
John Eston
Mayor.

L.S.
W. Foster.

L.S.
Will: Manley.

L.S.
Willm. Beckett

We their Majesties Justices of the peace for the said Town whose names are hereunto set, whereof one is of ye quorum perceiuing that the Inhabitants of the parish of St Cuthbirt within the said Town are not able to Leauy of themselves sufficient sums of money for the relief of their poor, Do therefore tax, rate, and Assess your said parish of St Peter the sum of five shillings p month to be paid monthly to the Churchwardens and Ouerseers of the poor of the said parish of St Cuthbirts towards the relief of the said poor, from hence forward until it shall be otherwise ordered by such of the Justices of the peace for the said Town as shall by Law have power therein. And we commend you and euery of you to pay the said monthly Tax of fiue shillings according to the true intent of this precept giuen under our hands and seals the one and thirtieth day of October in the second year of the Reign of King William and Queen Mary, annoq' Dom. 1690.

DISCHARGE OF THE ABOVE ORDER.

VILLA BEDD. Ad Gen'al quartial' Session' pacis Dni Regis nunc tent' apud Guildhall in et pro Villa Bedford' p'dict' die m'curij in Septi'an' px post cl'm Paschae existen' octavo die Aprilis Anno Rgs Gulielmi t'cij nunc Anglie &c. Duodecimo Annoq' Dni 1700.

WHEREAS in and by an Order made about tenn yeares since it was then ordered that the parish of St Peter in the Towne of Bedford in the County of Bedford should allow and pay to the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor for the time being of the parish of St. Cuthbert in the said Towne of Bedford towards the maintenance of the poor of the said parish of St Cuthbert's the sume of ffive shillings a month. And whereas it appears to this Courte vpon the complainte of the Churchwardens and Overseers of the poor of the said parish of St Peter that the paymt of the said sume of five shillings a month is become very burdensome and chargeable to their said parish of St Peter by reason of the increase of the poor there: It is therefore ordered by this Courte that the said in parte recited order doe and shall from henceforth cease and is hereby determined cancelled and made void. And that the said parish of St Peter be and is hereby discharged of and from the payment of the said ffive shillings a month to the said parish of St Cuthbert.

J: ffirby Clic pacis
pro Com' Bedd.

BEDFORD BRIDGE, A.D. 1338.

In a very interesting book,* speaking of bridges, the author says: "In many cases the bridge was itself at once proprietor of real estate and beneficiary of the offerings made to the chapel, and sometimes also grantee of a right of toll. Such were notably the bridges of London, of Rochester, of Bedford, and many others. John de Bodenho, chaplain, explains to Parliament that the inhabitants of Bedford hold their own Town at farm from the

* "English Wayfaring Life in the Middle Ages," by J. J. Jusserand, p. 62.

King, and have undertaken to maintain their bridge. For this they 'assigned certain tenements and rents in the said town to support it, and with their alms have newly built an oratory on the side of the water belonging to Lord Mowbray, by leave of the lord, adjoining the said bridge. The burgesses gave to the plaintiff the charge of the reparations, together with the whole revenues. But the priest, John of Derby, represented to the king that it was a royal chapel which he might dispose of, and the King has given it to him, which is very unjust, since the chapel is not the king's; even those who founded it are still living. All these reasons were found good; the judges were enjoined to do justice to the plaintiff, and were reprimanded for not having done it sooner, as had already been prescribed to them."—*Rolls of Parliament*, vol. ii. p. 100.

"GENEALOGIA BEDFORDIENSIS."

Additional Corrections.

Page	4,	line	50,	*For*	"bapt." "Born"	*read*	"born" "Bapt."
,,	5,	,,	9,	,,	"Aug."	,,	"Nov."
,,	64,			*dele* line 28.			
,,	79,	,,	16,	*for*	"d."	,,	"wife."
,,	80,			,,	"Gossey"	,,	"Fossey"
,,	,,			,,	"Rawnsy"	,,	"Rowney"
,,	85,	,,	48,			,,	"1626 Jan. 24"
,,	90,	,,	17,	,,	"May 7"	,,	"May 17"
,,	91,	,,	48,	,,	"Graie"	,,	"Grace."
,,	93,	,,	45,	,,	"Dec. 6"	,,	"Dec. 11"
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,,	94,	,,	2,	,,	"Apr. 21"	,,	"Apr. 22"
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,,	135,	,,	46,	,,	"s"	,,	"d"
,,	142,	,,	13,	,,	"Sep. 21"	,,	"Sep. 8"
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Page 366 insert "Colmworth" over line 82
,, 367 ,, "Cople" ,, ,, 84
,, 369 line 9, after "Pr." add "15 Sep. 1652"
,, 388 ,, 24, *for* "s. of John & Alice" *read* "s. of Francis & Lettice"
,, 446 insert "Warden" over line 306.
,, 459 *for* "Bosanquet" *read* "Borranskale"
,, 460 add *s.v.* Brisco, "Maria 210," "Thos. 210."
,, 461 *for* "Buckley" *read* "Buckby."

TODDINGTON VAULT.

I herewith forward copy of the old Plan of Vault made by Thos. Gregory, 1785. It no doubt was made at the burial of Lady Anne (L). There have been two other burials in the vault since, viz. The Rt. Hon. Wm. Wentworth Earl of Strafford, 1791, and the Rt. Hon. Anne Connolly, 1797. I cannot give the exact date when the vault was last opened, but I know it must be near fifty years since, as my father took me with him into the vault at the time, and I recollect many of the plates were then quite bright (no doubt gilded), although the wood of some of the coffins were very much decayed, sufficient to allow of the lead interiors to be seen. My father also made a plan of the vault and contents at that time (I have it somewhere, but cannot now find it), but from a memorandum of my father's, made at the time, which is before me, I see he describes the coffin of Lady Maria (A) as being different from the rest; he says the top of this coffin is made angular, like the roof of a house. I am unable to assign a position (until I find the last plan) for the last three coffins, but I have no doubt two are on the W. side and one on the E. side, which quite fill it.

An obsolete word (Trously*) occurs in reference to Thomas Lord W—— (see E), but I think it implies that he died "trustingly or believingly," *i.e.* to trow, Saxon trusian to believe, to trust, or it may be from trowes, throes or pains.

WM. HORLEY.

* Should not this word be "Piously"? The Registers containing copies of the above inscriptions have, in addition, "Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, BEHEADED, lies buried at Wentworth Chapel."—ED.

DESCRIPTION OF THE VAULT AT TODDINGTON, IN THE COUNTY OF BEDFORD.

TAKEN AND MADE FEBY THE 26TH 1785.

A.

"Lady Maria Wentworth Daughter of Thomas Earl of Cleveland. Died January 1632. Aged 18 Years."

B.

"Here lieth the Body of the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Wentworth Knight of the Bath Son and Heir Apparent to Thomas Earl of Cleveland. He was in his life time one of His Majesties Guards King Charles Second and Gentleman of His said Majesties Bed-Chamber, and one of His said Majesties most Honourable Privy Council."

C.

"Lady Lucy Wentworth Wife of Thomas Earl of Cleveland who Deceased Novr the [23] 1651."

D.

"The Right Honourable Lady Henrietta Maria Wentworth Baroness Wentworth of Nettlestead. Died April the 23rd 1686."

E.

"Thomas Lord Wentworth Baron of Nettlestead Earl of Cleveland Lord Lieutenant of the County of Bedford. Captain of His Majesties Band of Pentioniers Colonel of Horse and Master of a Brigade of Horse.
He lived Honourably and Died Trously. March the 25th Ao Do 1667 Aged 76."

F.

"Ann Wife of Thomas Earl of Cleveland who Died January the 16th 1637."

G.

"The Right Honourable Lady Philadelphia Viscountess Wentworth Relict of Thomas Lord Viscount Wentworth Died May the 4th Ao Do 1696."

H.

"Sir Henry Johnson Knight Died September the 29th 1719. Aged 60."

I.

"The Right Honoyrable Thomas Earl of Strafford Viscount Wentworth Died Novr 1739."

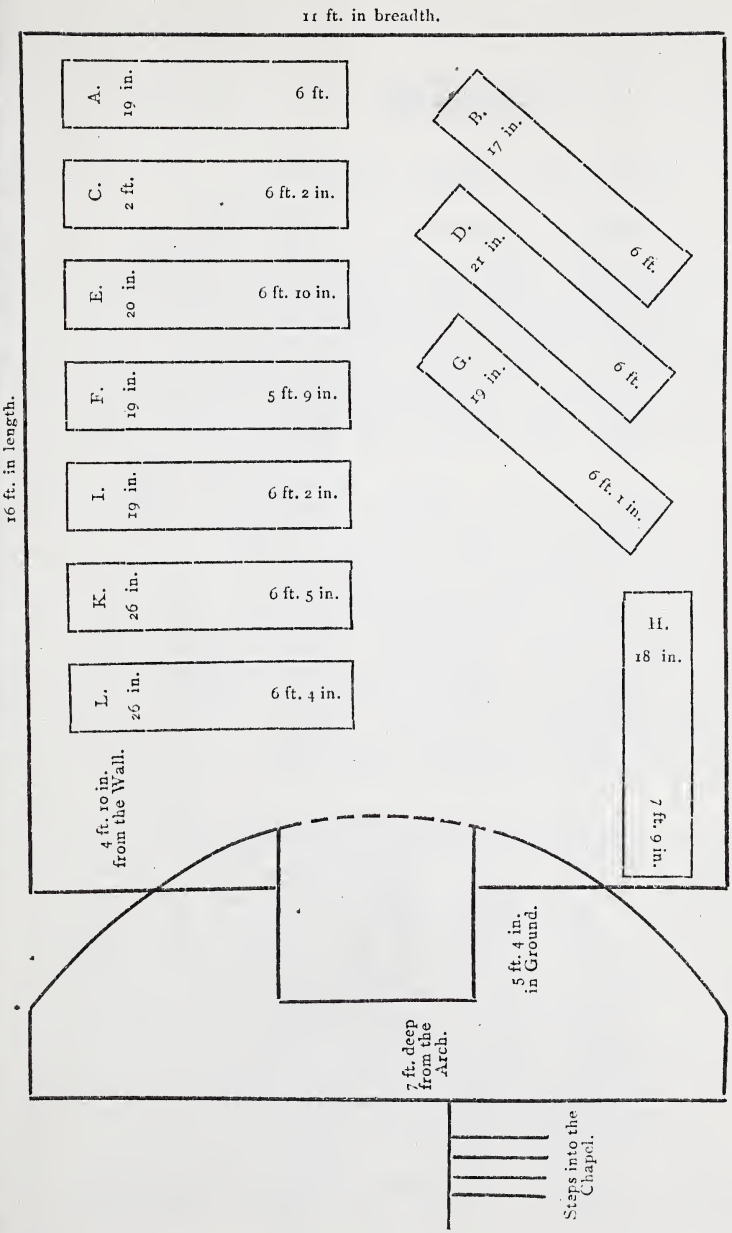
K.

"The Right Honourable Anne Countess Dowager of Strafford Wife of Thomas Earl of Strafford Mother of William the Present Earl of Strafford Died September the 19th 1754. Aged 70 Years."

L.

"Lady Anne Campbell Countess of Strafford Died February the 7th 1785. Aged 65 Years."

This is a Copy taken by me Wm Horley Sepr 21st 1892. From the Original Plan done by Thomas Gregory. Feby 26th 1785.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16 ft. in length.
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F. 19 in. 5 ft. 9 in.
I. 19 in. 6 ft. 2 in.
K. 26 in. 6 ft. 5 in.
L. 26 in. 6 ft. 4 in.
B. 17 in. 6 ft.
D. 21 in. 6 ft.
G. 19 in. 6 ft. 1 in.
H. 18 in. 7 ft. 9 in.
E.
4 ft. 10 in. from the Wall.
5 ft. 4 in. in Ground.
7 ft. deep from the Arch.
Steps into the Chapel.

Queries.

EDWARD, EARL OF SALOP.

Inquisition Post Mortem 13. Ed. IV. n. 46.

Matilda, wife of Robert Bothe (she had previously married John Enderby), died Feb^ry 5th 1474, and on the 24th of the same month an inquisition was held by which it was found that she died seized of certain lands &c. among which were the manors of Edworth and John de Jons in Astwick held of *Edward Earl of Salop*, and lands in Stratton of John Duke of Norfolk. Richard Enderby was her son & heir.

Who is meant by Edward Earl of Salop? Gilbert Talbot was seized of half a knights fee in Edworth, 7. H. V.—John Talbot 3rd Earl of Shrewsbury died in June 1473 leaving George his eldest son who succeeded him as 4th Earl then five years old, I am not aware that he had any relation named Edward who might have had the title by courtesy. Moreover Gilbert Talbot left an only daughter who died in infancy, and John his brother the 1st Earl is stated to have held no lands in Bedfordshire at his death; but John de Mowbray Duke of Norfolk died seized of the half fee in Edworth held by R. Bullok, 11. H. VI.

Now the clerks of old appear very confused with Salop and Sarum, and I should not be in the least surprised if Sarum were here intended. But I cannot clearly find who was Earl of Salisbury at this time. Can Edward Nevill Lord Bergavenny be meant? He was uncle of "the King Maker" the last Earl of Salisbury, brother-in-law to the above John de Mowbray, and had for his second wife Catherine sister of John Howard Duke of Norfolk, and niece of the same John de Mowbray. His father Ralph Earl of Westmorland very possibly inherited Astwick from his half-brother John Lord Latimer.

Who was Edward Earl of Salop and by what right did he have these manors?

How came the fee of Edworth to John de Mowbray from Gilbert Talbot?

How came the Manor of Edworth to Enderby from Bullok?

Is John de Jons manor in Astwick still known?

J. C. T.

DYLWYK MANOR.

Where was Dylwyk Manor? Gorham says it was in Eton Socon; but it was a portion of the Barony of Bedford. Why not in Astwick? 'John de Nevill of Raby died seized of the manors of Dilewyke, Wootton, Cardington, Renhold, and Bromham; and fees in Wootton, Cardington, Renhold, Bromham, and Astwick, parcel of the Barony of Bedford, which seems to take the place of Dilewyke. In the beginning of the fourteenth century there was a water-mill in Dylwyk called Briggemelle.

J. C. T.

DR. EDMUND HELDER (ii. 31).

Particulars are requested as to the exact date, place of birth, and subsequent career of one Dr. Edmond Helder, native of Beds, *circa* 1542, "Practitioner in Physick and Chyrurgery," who died on March 11, 1618, in his seventy-sixth year, according to the testimony of his tombstone, lately discovered near the Potomac Creek, in the vicinity of Fredericksburg, Stafford County, Virginia, U.S. through the exertions of Mr. Moncure D. Conway.

Having seen in an American newspaper a somewhat circumstantial statement that St. George's graveyard, at Fredericksburg, contained the tomb of "one of the pall-bearers of William Shakespeare" (a report, by-the-by, to which our own *Fraser's Magazine* gave wider currency in March, 1865), Mr. Conway set to work to investigate the matter, with the result that he discovered the tomb in question, and disproved the mythical claims preferred on behalf of its tenant in regard to the Shakespeare obsequies. The history and incidents of his quest are detailed at length in a most interesting article, entitled, "Hunting a Mythical Pall-bearer," which he contributed to *Harper's Magazine* for January, 1886. His theory in connexion

with the genesis of the myth is likely enough the right one. He remarks:

> "It is probable that some correspondent, having copied the epitaph correctly, added that Dr. Helder was a cotemporary of Shakespeare, and might have attended his funeral. A printer may have incorporated the comment in the epitaph, and some contemporary evolved the simple statement into the startling one . . . Perhaps it will never be known who served up the chirurgeon as a Shakesperean figure. One can forgive him since he has been the means of discovering to the New World its oldest English epitaph."

A facsimile of the inscription illustrates the article, and reads as follows:

> "Here lies intered the Body of Edmond Helder prectioner [*sic*] in Physick and Chyrurgery born in Bedfordeshire obiit March 11 1618 Atatatis sua [*sic*] 76." (*Notes and Queries*, 8th s. ii. 247.)

The name "Helder," *alias* "Spicer," is of common occurrence in the Parish Registers of this county, especially in the neighbourhood of Luton. I have noted the name in the following parishes:—Flitton, Kempston, Marston, Pertenhall, Riseley, Southill, Sundon, and Westoning. In 1690 a marriage licence was issued at the Faculty Office of the Archbishop of Canterbury at London, for Dennis Helder (probably s. of William Spicer, *alias* Helder, and Sarah Dennis, m. at Kempston, 25 Dec. 1656) to marry Elizabeth, d. of George Mordaunt, of Northill, in this county.—Ed.

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      - Felix Ashcroft, bapt. at Little Paxton, 6 Nov. 1732; settled at Yelling, *c.* 1770; died 1807. Will dat. 18 Feb. 1800; pr. at Peterboro' 17 Oct. 1807. = Hannah . . . . .

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